

“By the house of delegates, December 31, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

A bill, entitled, An act to incorporate a school in Allegany county, by the name of Allegany County School, thus endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 8, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

“By the house of delegates, December 31, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

A bill, entitled, An act to authorize the register of the land office to correct the patent therein mentioned, thus endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 29, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

“By the house of delegates, December 31, 1798: Read the second time and will pass.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

And also the following message, and the bill therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 31, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE send you back the bill in favour of Catharine Lanham, of Montgomery county, accompanying her petition, with a certificate annexed thereto, as we expect you were not acquainted with the situation of the petitioner; we therefore hope you will reconsider and pass the bill.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said bills and message were severally read the first time, and the bills ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within three miles of George-town, in Montgomery county, thus endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 31, 1798: Upon reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendments.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which said amendments are contained in the following message.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 31, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine within three miles of George-town, in Montgomery county, which has passed our house with the proposed amendments: Strike out the words “kill or” in the 8th line, and the words “killed or” in the 9th line, and the words “killing or” in the 11th line, and insert the following clause between the 1st and 2d clauses: “And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every person who shall impound any swine in virtue of this law, to cause the marks and description of such swine to be advertised in the George-town news-paper for at least seven days, and if the same are not reclaimed by that time, and the expences of advertising, impounding and keeping them, paid, that the same shall be publicly sold, giving seven days notice of the time and place, and the proceeds of such sale shall be first applied to the expence of advertising, impounding and keeping them, and the surplus to the owner of said swine, if demanded within sixty days after the sale, and if not demanded within that time, then such surplus to be paid to the trustees of the poor-house for Montgomery county.”

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Ridgely appeared in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the times of holding the courts in the several counties therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, January 1, 1799.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from John E. Howard, Esquire, enclosing the following answer to the address of the general assembly of Maryland to the president of the United States:

To the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of MARYLAND.

AN eloquent address, adopted by the two houses of the general assembly of Maryland, and signed on the fourteenth of this month by Mr. Perry, the president of the senate, and Mr. Chapman, the speaker of the house of representatives, has been presented to me by Mr. Howard, one of your senators in congress, in the absence of the other, Mr. Lloyd.

Convinced, as I have been, by an attentive observation of more than twenty years, that there is no state in this union whose public affairs, upon all great national occasions, have been conducted with more method, wisdom and decision, or whose results have been the effect of a more comprehensive and profound view of the subject, than those of the state of Maryland, I cannot receive the assurances of your entire and cordial approbation of the measures of my administration, without a singular sensation of pride and pleasure.

What shall I say to you, Gentlemen, on the subject of the destruction of religion and encouragement of loose principles? I am not fond of introducing this sacred topic into political disquisitions.