

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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The bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution in favour of Dennis Griffith was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 11, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have negatived the resolution in favour of Dennis Griffith. He has already experienced great indulgence, but we are still willing to give further time for payment, provided his securities assent to it. If you will pass a resolution, allowing him to pay one third the principal and all the interest at the end of one year, one other third and all the interest then due in two years, and the residue with interest in three years, it will pass this house.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the senate will, on to-morrow at twelve o'clock, proceed to ballot for a senator in the room of William Perry, Esquire, deceased.

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

SATURDAY, January 12, 1799.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 28, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 10, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to make valid and confirm the title in the lands therein mentioned to Rebecca Maria Harriet Buchanan, a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Randall, of Baltimore county; which said two last mentioned bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 11, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act respecting proceedings in the high court of chancery, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 9, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 11, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act for erecting a village at Tuckahoe bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 3, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, January 12, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to lay out a road from the Patowmack river below a point of rocks and opposite to a new road laid out from Leesburgh to Patowmack river on the Virginia side, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 10, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, January 12, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Forrest, of George-town, Patowmack, and Thomas Earle, of Queen-Anne's county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 11, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the bill, entitled, An act to lay out and establish a road from the city of Annapolis to the city of Washington, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 1, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

"By the house of delegates, January 11, 1799: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out "forty" in the 4th line of the 3d page and insert "thirty." Strike out the words "at least" in the same line and insert "not exceeding." Strike out "five" in the first line of the fourth page and insert "twelve." After the word "gardens" in the fourth line of the fifth page insert "yards." At the end of the fifth line of the fifth page insert "if of age, and of the guardian or guardians where such person or persons are under age."

Which