

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 18, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have returned you the bill, entitled, An act declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned, in hopes that the propriety of its provisions will meet your approbation on reconsidering the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the engrossed bills number 59, 71, 76, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 94, 95 and 96, with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 18, 1799: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The bill, entitled, An act further supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands, and for repealing part thereof, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The resolution in favour of Philip Reed was read the second time and dissented from.

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee appointed to confer with the committee of the house of delegates, reports the following message:

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate, in consequence of the report of the conferees upon the testamentary system, will agree to recede from their amendment in striking out the whole of the first chapter, and in lieu thereof will agree to substitute the following amendments, viz. Strike out from the word "hereditaments" in the second line of the second page to the word "which," being the third word in the third line of the same page. Strike out the third section of the first chapter. Strike out from the beginning of the fifth section to the end of the thirteenth section, and in lieu thereof insert "all devises and bequests of any lands or tenements devisable by law shall be in writing, signed by the party so devising the same, or by some other person in his presence, and by his express directions, and shall be attested and subscribed, in the presence of the said devisor, by three or four credible witnesses, or else they shall be utterly void and of none effect. And moreover no devise in writing of lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any clause thereof, shall be revocable otherwise than by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing declaring the same, or by burning, cancelling, tearing or obliterating the same, by the testator himself, or in his presence, and by his directions and consent; but all devises and bequests of lands and tenements shall remain and continue in force until the same be burnt, cancelled, torn or obliterated, by the testator, or his directions, in manner aforesaid, or unless the same be altered by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing of the devisor, signed in the presence of three or four witnesses, declaring the same, any former law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

The senate also agree to recede from their amendment in striking out the whole of the eighth chapter in page fifty-seven, and in lieu thereof will substitute the following amendment. Strike out from the word "stock" in the fourth line of page fifty-seven, to word "provisions" in the fifth line of the same page.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, January 19, 1799.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chesley, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the house of delegates on the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, and also the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, delivers to the president the following report:

THE conferees appointed to confer on the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, as also the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, report to this house, that in their opinion there ought to be some written evidence of every voter being worth thirty pounds, or a freehold of fifty acres of land, at the time he offers to vote, and that this