

prohibited from receiving the same, and as the state will be benefitted by permitting the holders of said certificates an opportunity of returning the same; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the register of the land-office for the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive all certificates of survey or resurvey made in Allegany county, upon which no warrant or warrants hath or have already issued to affect the same, provided the same be examined and returned to the land-office aforesaid on or before the first day of July next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1799.
RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and he is hereby directed to pay annually to each brigade inspector of this state the sum of one hundred dollars, as a compensation for his services in the discharge of his duties.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have already taken into consideration the report of the conferees on the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, and upon mature deliberation have rejected the same, because we are of opinion that the mode of evidence contemplated by the report ought not to be introduced into that bill.

The people of this state, we well know, consider the establishment of a district system as an object of primary importance. but we believe that they never thought an assessment list would be introduced into a bill to regulate elections in this state, as the bill authorising a change in those parts of the constitution which relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding elections, presented no such question to their view.

If the senate are anxious to gratify the people in their favourite object, and will pass the bill which was sent from this house, we shall have no objection to the passage of an act in conformity to their ideas, so as to submit to the people the propriety of its adoption at a future session.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize Jane Green, administratrix of Valentine Green, to dispose of part of the real estate of said Green, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will pass.

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, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Milligan. 3.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Carroll, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. McMechen. 5.

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, Mr. Dorsey delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Milligan. 7.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Campbell. 1.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee appointed to prepare an answer to the message of the house of delegates relative to the stock belonging to this state in the bank of England, reports the following; which was read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 19, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

AS the only reasons adduced in your first message were urged by the agent of the bank stock, when before the senate, and as most of your house attended on that occasion, we were certainly warranted in asserting, that your message contained no new matter, facts or arguments, to induce us to alter our opinion.

We admit the chancellor has intimated that he has not jurisdiction of the cause, that the stock is in the hands of the accountant-general, and that the subject is now under negotiation. We contend that the principles of the law of nations ought solely to govern in such a negotiation; that the king of Great-Britain ought not to avail himself of the circumstance of the stock being in the hands of the accountant-general to indemnify any of his subjects out of it, if a right to the