

mary importance, we doubted not but you would have passed the 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, and originated in the senate during this session, or would yourselves have originated another bill, repealing such parts of the constitution as you may conceive incompatible with district elections. This would enable a succeeding legislature to repeal such parts of the constitution, and to enact laws upon the subject.

We have too much confidence in the good sense and virtue of a great majority of the citizens of this state, to doubt their approbation of provisions evidently calculated to do away a practice destructive of the morals of the state. We herewith return you the 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, and hope you will reconsider the same.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution rescinding the resolution respecting a loan of money for rebuilding the academy in Baltimore-town was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution respecting Hillsborough school, in Caroline county, was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

The resolution respecting the hospital in Baltimore county was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution for an advance of money to the school in Elizabeth-town, in Washington county, was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

The resolution in favour of Richard Key Watts was read the second time by especial order and dissented from.

The resolution rescinding part of the resolution respecting money deposited in the treasury for the use of British creditors was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution in favour of Sarah Weems Allein was read the second time by especial order, dissented from, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution respecting an advance of money to the academy at Elkton, Cæcil county, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the senate do assent thereto? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Mr. Ridgely, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Milligan. 3.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Grahame and Mr. Dorsey. 5.

So it was determined in the negative.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.

RESOLVED, That the examiner-general of the western shore be entitled to charge twenty-five per cent, on the fees allowed by law for services performed in his office during the present year.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and dissented from.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

YOUR message respecting the advance of money to the governor, is a novelty in the history of communication between the two houses—it was totally unnecessary, as a simple assent, endorsed on the back of the resolution, is all that is practised on such occasions. Your departure from the custom, whatever the intention was, has the effect of censure on the conduct of the late governor. Why the senate should travel out of the usual routine of business, when the effect is no other than what is just mentioned, appears to us astonishing. No account was required by the resolution appropriating money last session, and that the whole sum was not drawn, must be, to every unimpassioned mind, abundant evidence of the proper disposition of the portion which has been expended. If the most zealous, faithful and unremitted services, continued through an ordinary life-time, cannot protect the memory of persons who have been thus engaged, we must bid adieu to disinterested love of country, and the senate will have the honour of making an attack, which will destroy every inducement to patriotism, and the best reward which faithful services to our country can lay claim to, the approbation of our fellow-citizens.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, Mr. M'Mechen delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to increase the fees of the examiner-general of the western shore; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the engrossed bills No. 101, 112 and 113, with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1799: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely be added to the committee for the examination of engrossed bills.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE meant not to cast the least reflection on the memory of the late governor. As your resolve, authorising an advance of money to the present governor for repairing and furnishing the