

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 9, 1800.

RESOLVED, That the senators of this state in the congress of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to use their best endeavours to obtain the following amendment of the constitution of the United States.

*First.* That after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, the choice of electors of president and vice-president shall be made, by the legislature of each state dividing the state into a number of districts equal to the number of electors to be chosen in such state, and by the persons in each of those districts, who shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the legislature of such state, choosing one elector in the manner which the legislature thereof shall prescribe, which districts, when so divided, shall remain unalterable until a new census of the United States shall be obtained.

*Second.* That the election of representatives to serve after the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, shall be, by dividing each state by the legislature thereof into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state shall be entitled, and by the people within each of those districts, who shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the legislature of such state, choosing one representative in the manner which the legislature thereof shall prescribe, which districts, when so divided, shall remain unalterable until a new census of the United States shall be obtained.

RESOLVED, That the president of the senate, and the speaker of this house, be requested forthwith to transmit the foregoing resolve to the senators of this state in congress; and that the governor and council be and they are hereby requested to communicate the same to the supreme executives of the several states, with a request, that they may be submitted to the consideration of their respective legislatures.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

And returns the resolution respecting the bankrupt law of the United States, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 10, 1800: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Littleton Dennis and Uriah Forrest, Esquires, have leave of absence.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 11, 1800.

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

The bill for the relief of Benoni Hamilton Wade, of Prince-George's county, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill for the relief of James Alexander Magruder, of Prince-George's county, an insolvent debtor, was read the second time and will not pass.

On motion, John Chesley, Esquire, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act concerning the real estate of Elizabeth Watts, late of Saint-Mary's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, the amendments thereto, the bill for the relief of Benoni Hamilton Wade, of Prince-George's county, and the bill for the relief of James Alexander Magruder, of Prince-George's county, an insolvent debtor, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill to prevent swine from going at large in the town of Queen-Anne, in Prince-George's county, was read the second time and will pass.

On motion, John Campbell, Esquire, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to prevent the going at large of geese and swine in Creager's-town, in Frederick county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill to alter the times of the session of Baltimore county court, of the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, and of the court of appeals, was read the second time and will not pass.

The senate proceeded to the second reading of the bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to voters and the qualification of voters, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following be proposed as an amendment thereto? Strike out from the word "age" in the sixth line of the first page to the word "shall" in the eighth line of the same page, and insert "having resided within this state two years, and in the county in which he offers to vote three months, next preceding the election, and having, within twelve months next preceding the election, been charged with a state or county tax in the assessment or tax book of such county, or, in case of removal from one county to another, having within the time aforesaid been charged with such tax in the assessment or tax book of the county of his last residence." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE