

RESOLVED, That his excellency the governor deliver up to the said Joseph H. Nicholson, or his order, the bond given by him for the faithful discharge of his duty as agent aforesaid, on his paying into the treasury the sum of twelve hundred and twenty-four dollars and eight cents. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to appoint and authorise commissioners to review and lay out the road therein mentioned in Harford county, passed by that house December 4, 1806; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, December 5, 1806.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The senate proceeded to the election of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Thomas Duckett, and after qualifying according to the constitution and form of government, the ballot box being prepared, and the ballots deposited therein, on examination thereof it appeared that Dr. William Somervell had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Dr. William Somervell, having had a majority of votes, is duly elected a member of the senate.

The bill, entitled, A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county, passed by that house December 5, 1806; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act authorising the justices of the orphans courts to take sheriffs bonds, with the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 4, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE return the bill, entitled, An act authorising the justices of the orphans court to take sheriffs bonds, after having dissented to the amendment proposed by you. We are still of opinion, that the manner of taking those bonds should be as uniform as possible, which object will be defeated by adopting the amendment; and while we are not disposed to lessen the powers already vested in the judges of the county courts, we apprehend the instances in which they would be applied to on this subject would be very rare, and that the whole duty, from convenience and expediency, would devolve on the justices of the orphans court, who would be the better judges of the competency of the security offered for the due performance of the duties of the sheriffs respectively.

If you should be of opinion with us, as to the preference of taking the bonds by the justices of the orphans court, we beg leave to suggest, that an amendment proposed by you, giving them the exclusive power, would pass this house, rather than the present inconveniencies should be longer submitted to. We therefore solicit a reconsideration of the subject, in expectation that our wishes may be gratified in the passage of the bill, either without insisting on your amendment, or with such a modification as we have suggested.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following messages:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

BELIEVING it to be expedient that the several parts of the constitution of this state should be collected into one body, and brought into one entire view, and hoping it may meet with your approbation, we have therefore thought proper to appoint Mr. Chapman, Mr. Shaaff and Mr. Sudler, to join such gentlemen as may be named by you, to compose a joint committee for that purpose.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 5, 1806.

*Gentlemen of the Senate,*

WE have agreed to your message and resolution of the 3d instant, and propose immediately to go into the election of a senator to represent this state in the congress of the United States, after the third of March next, until the 4th of March, 1813. Philip Reid and Richard T. Earle, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Mr. Little and Mr. Gale to join such gentlemen as may be named by you to count the ballots.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which were read.

Mr. Stephen Lowrey appeared in the senate, and after taking the oaths required by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the Christian religion, and taking the oath for the support of the government of the United States, took his seat.

The following message was read, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.