

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1808.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 22, 1808.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

YOUR message of the 21st instant highly merits, and has justly obtained, our most respectful attention, and our most serious consideration; and could we, consistently with our ideas of the impressive duty we owe to our constituents, we would willingly accede to your proposition of proceeding to the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States; but persuaded as we are that the interest of the republic would be greatly advanced by a reference of this momentous subject to the consideration of the next general assembly, we are unwilling at this time to proceed to the election, the event of which will be obviously of such extensive and lasting importance.

By order,

J. BREWER, clk.

Which was read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Garner, of Charles county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the preamble. 2. After the word "empowered" in the 2d line of the enacting clause insert "if in their discretion they shall deem the same right and proper." 3. Strike out the words "and directed" in the 3d line of the enacting clause.

The following resolutions were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Whereas various representations, in the shape of petitions and protests, have been recently made to the executive and legislative authorities of the general government, from sundry sections of the union, purporting to express the sentiments of the citizens of this country upon the policy and operation of the existing embargo laws: And whereas the multifarious tenor of those representations manifest the existence of opposite and contradictory opinions upon this momentous subject: And whereas the citizens of the state of Maryland have, by their recent election of functionaries to the general government, unequivocally demonstrated their conviction of the wisdom and policy of those measures: And whereas it has been the usage of those who have represented the people of Maryland in their state legislature, faithfully to respond the fair expression of the public will upon great and important questions of national concern; therefore, RESOLVED, That the people of the state of Maryland, through the medium of their late elections, have evinced their approbation of the act laying an embargo and the several acts supplementary thereto.

RESOLVED, That no change or modification of the orders and decrees of the belligerent powers of Europe, favourable to the commerce of the United States, having occurred, the president has faithfully discharged the duties of his office in refusing to repeal the embargo laws, under the powers vested in him by an act of congress of the twenty-fifth of April last.

RESOLVED, That the people of the state of Maryland, in their late election of electors, have exhibited an undeniable proof of their high confidence in the present administration of the general government, and of their willingness to submit the present interests and future destinies of the United States to their wisdom and virtue.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 24, 1808.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Garner, of Charles county, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Buckler, of Saint-Mary's county, passed by that house November 24, 1808; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince-George's county, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. 1. Strike out the preamble. 2. Strike out the words "as aforesaid" in the 1st line of the enacting clause. 3. Strike out from the word "county" in the 6th line of the enacting clause to the end thereof.

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

F R I D A Y, November 25, 1808.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to make public a road in Prince-George's county, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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