

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782. 67

The message from the senate relative to the close of this session on Saturday next was read the second time, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Stone, and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

**T H U R S D A Y,** January 2, 1783.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Courts, Mr. S. Worthington, and Mr. Sewell, appeared in the house.

The report on the petition of Gabriel Lewyn was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The report on the petition of James Scott, referred from the last session to the present, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A memorial from Brice T. B. Worthington was preferred and read, and referred to the indentant to take order therein.

Mr. Job, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

**T**HE committee on the petitions of nonjurors beg leave to report, That they have taken the petition of William Knott, of Montgomery county, into consideration, and find by certificate, that he took the oath of fidelity to this state before a magistrate of said county, the 5th day of October 1778; that he has been well attached to the liberty and independence of this state; that he has had two sons in the public service, and is an honest industrious member of the community. Your committee are therefore of opinion, he should be relieved from all disabilities, and be made a free citizen, and that all treble taxes he has paid should be reimbursed to him, or discounted in his present or future assessment. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to confirm certain purchases of confiscated property, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Sewell.

The bill for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several orphans courts in this state, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. S. Worthington.

The resolution respecting the Bald Beach, was sent to the senate by Mr. Keene and Mr. Miller.

The bill for the defence of the state from the enemy's barges and cruifers, was sent to the senate by Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Ridgely.

Mr. Norris brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower James Scott, administrator of Daniel Scott, deceased, to sell and dispose of part of two tracts of land in Harford county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Wheeler:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 2, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

**T**HE inconveniences that attend the length of the session are sensibly felt by the members of this house, and therefore we shall use our utmost endeavours to finish the business of the most importance to the public by Saturday next, and if we succeed, will close the session at that day. We propose to adjourn to the first Monday in May next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Stone seconded by Mr. Hall, ORDERED, That the treasurer lay before this house the amount of the bonds lodged in the treasury, for lands sold to redeem the several emissions of bills of credit.

On motion by Mr. Stone seconded by Mr. M'Mechen, ORDERED, That the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property lay before this house the amount of the bonds taken for the sales of British property sold for the redemption of the several emissions of bills of credit, and the amount of the property sold where bonds have not been taken, if such there be; and also an account of the sale of property under the act of last session, entitled, An act for the sale of certain confiscated British property.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1783: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

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