

"By the senate, December 7, 1790: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 8, 1790.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected the bill for confirming an act passed last session of assembly, for repealing certain parts of our constitution; because we are persuaded that the act referred to would be more extensive in its operation than has been imagined. By attending to this act, it will be perceived that if a confirmation should prevail, all the oaths prescribed by the government to be taken by members of the legislature, and electors of the senate, would be repealed, and no oath or affirmation would remain to be taken by persons in those characters; we apprehend the intention of the legislature was only to admit to these offices persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, by enabling them to affirm in lieu thereof; by reflecting on the terms of the act, we are of opinion the subject is extended beyond what the legislature had in view.

By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

Which was read.

The resolution in favour of maimed officers and soldiers, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 7, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

John Henry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to vest certain powers in the county court of Kent county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 8, 1790: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 8, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The resolution in favour of William Moore, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 8, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

And the resolution in favour of George French, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 8, 1790: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

Amendment proposed. In the third line strike out "1773," and instead thereof insert "1775."

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 9, 1790.

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

The amendment to the resolution in favour of George French, was read the second time, and agreed to.

The bill to straighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and the resolution in favour of William Moore, were sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen.

"On the second reading the report to consider what measures may be necessary to be taken by this state in consequence of the assumption of the state debts by congress, the following question was propounded to the house, viz. That this house will, in the same law for the compensation to the creditors of the state, make provision for indulging the debtors in payment of their debts to the state?"

On motion, the question was put, That this house will discuss the said report by paragraphs, and then take the question of concurrence upon the whole report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the first clause in the said report be amended, by striking out the word "them" and inserting the words "to all creditors, except those who were continental, and exchanged under the act proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment on the terms therein mentioned?" Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following words be struck out of the first clause in the said report? "And that this state will make them a full compensation." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Lecompte, appeared as follow:

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