

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 17, 1794.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate being anxious to close the session, and thinking that they can dispatch all the business essential to the general interest of the state in time to put an end to it on Monday, propose to adjourn to the first Monday in November next.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 18, 1794.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Thomas Ringgold, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to ratify an amendment of the constitution of the United States of America, proposed by congress to the legislatures of the several states, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 17, 1794: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill concerning the jurisdiction of the general court, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 17, 1794: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 2d page, 5th line, after the word "therein" insert "provided nevertheless, that such suggestion be made during the term next after or in which the issue shall or may be joined in said suit or action." In the 3d page, 5th line, after the word "the" insert "plaintiff or plaintiffs." In the 4th page, 5th line, after the word "court" insert "or against the executors or administrators of such bail." Fourth page, 15th line, strike out the words "were taken as bail" and insert "resided at the time he or they became bail in such action." In the same page, 14th line, strike out the word "die," and in the 17th line strike out the words "or his executors or administrators." Page 5, strike out from the word "in" in the first line to the word "and" in the fourth line inclusive. Page 6, in the 16th line, after the word "court" insert "in their discretion." Page 7, after the word "therein" in the 3d line, insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That if the attorney-general, or the prosecutor for the state, shall suggest to any county court before whom an indictment is or may be depending, that the state cannot have a fair and impartial trial in such court, it shall and may be lawful for the said court, in their discretion, to order and direct the record of their proceedings in the said prosecution to be transmitted to the justices of any other county court for trial, and the justices of such county court shall hear and determine the same in the same manner as if such prosecution had been originally commenced therein." Page 7, in the 5th line, strike out the words "or criminal," and strike out from the word "them" in the 7th line of the same page to the end of the section. Page 8, in the 10th line, after the words "general court" insert "in case there be no appeal therefrom or writ of error brought thereon," and after the word "or" in the same line insert "the." At the end of the bill insert the following clause: "This act to be published at least three months before the next election of delegates, and to take place and be in force for the term of three years, on its being ratified and confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, according to the constitution and form of government, any thing in the fifty-sixth section of the said constitution and form of government to the contrary notwithstanding."

And the bill to lay a further tax on Cecil county, to complete the court-house, prison and prison yard, at Elkton, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1794: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 17, 1794: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "county" in the 15th line of the bill to the word "six" in the 17th line of the said bill, and insert "one third in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-five, one other third in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six, and the remaining third in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent slaves acting as free in the several counties therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion by Mr. Digges, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal that part of the constitution and form of government which gives the governor and council the appointment of the militia officers? The yeas and nays being required by three members, appeared as follow:

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