

Whereas there may remain a considerable sum of unappropriated money in the treasury of the western shore, after an honourable discharge of all our engagements; therefore, **RESOLVED**, That this state all such sum or sums of money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, as shall remain unappropriated in the treasury, or so much thereof as the governor and council shall from time to time think proper and require in writing to be advanced, to be by him laid out in the purchase of six per cent. stock for the use of this state, and the said agent to be allowed a commission, not exceeding one per cent. and provided that such draught or draughts shall never diminish the actual unappropriated money in the treasury below thirty thousand dollars.

Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Robins, from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to the speaker the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time and assented to.

And a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

**RESOLVED**, That the printer to the state be directed to transmit the laws of this and every future session to the registers of the land-office of the eastern and western shores, agreeably to the mode prescribed by law for such purposes.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolutions appropriating certain sums of money to the purchase of six per cent stock, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

**RESOLVED**, That all bills, resolutions, reports and petitions, not finally acted upon, shall be referred to the next session of assembly.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 31, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have finished the business before us, are ready to close the session, and propose to adjourn to the first Monday of November next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

Whereas the late destructive fire at Savanna, in Georgia, has reduced many of its unfortunate inhabitants to a situation of extreme poverty and misery, the more so in consequence of the inclemency of the season: And whereas every dictate of humanity should prompt us to the assistance of our distressed fellow citizens; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the governor of this state inform the executive of the state of Georgia of our resolution to advance the suffering inhabitants of Savanna the sum of two thousand dollars.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of two thousand dollars, for the relief of the suffering inhabitants of the town of Savanna, and remit the same in such manner as he shall judge most for their benefit.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

**RESOLVED** unanimously, That the thanks of this house be presented to Philip Key, Esquire, in testimony of our approbation of his conduct in the chair, and of his ability, impartiality and attention, manifested in the discharge of the various duties assigned him as speaker of this house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of the suffering inhabitants of the town of Savanna, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The clerk of the senate delivers the paper bills from No. 1 to 71, except No. 13, 19, 42, 46, 47, 56 and 66, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Whereas the committee of claims have omitted making the usual allowance to the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Higinbotham the sum of fifty dollars, for performing divine service during this session.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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