

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading by especial order the said bill, the question was put, That each member of the council be allowed the sum of two hundred pounds per annum? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs.	Leigh,	Godman,	Sherwood,	McComas,	Key,	Thomas, Fred.	
	Greenwell,	S. Frazier,	Kerr,	Bond,	Nicholson,	Gist,	
	Angier,	Addison,	Harwood,	A. Beall,	C. Frazier,	Bruce,	
	Page,	Montgomery,	Jones,	Duckett,	Emory,	J. Buchanan,	
	J. C. Thomas,	C. Beall,	Pattison,	Calvert,	Wilson,	Tomlinson,	
	Brogden,	Chapman,	Wallace,	Quynn,	Warfield,	Rice. 39	
	Hall,	T. Buchanan,	Miller,	N E G A T I V E.			
	Emerson,	Young,	P. Magruder,	Merryman,	Rackliff,	Riley,	
Messrs.	Taney,	Kerchner,	R. Magruder,	Brown,	Bennett,	Swales. 13	
	Brome,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from negro Rachel, slave to William Gaither, of Frederick county, stating, that her daughter Nancy, whom she had by a certain Daniel Martin, her husband, was purchased by her said husband from her master; that her husband died, leaving no relatives in America, whereby the state acquired right to her daughter, and praying that the state's right may be released, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Warfield, Mr. Chapman and Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bennett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Denton, and its vicinity, in Caroline county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Peregrine Briscoe, of Cæcil county, after taking the same into their consideration, report, that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

A petition from Michael McElhiney, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Calvert, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, praying a law may pass to encourage the destruction of crows and squirrels in said county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. C. Frazier, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Emory, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Merryman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Markey, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the mother of the petitioner, residing in this state before and at the formation of the constitution, became a citizen, and the lands purchased by her of the state's agent cannot be liable to escheat, but if there should be any doubt thereof, your committee are of opinion that a law ought to pass, releasing the right of the state to the said petitioner. All which is submitted.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to extend the time for the late sheriffs and collectors in the several counties in this state to complete their collections. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. Warfield, Mr. Rackliff and Mr. Matthews, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. William Thomas, a delegate returned for Saint Mary's 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.

Mr. P. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the committees of the episcopal and presbyterian congregations in George-town, on the Patowmack, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of said petitioners ought to be granted, and that a law may pass to carry the same into effect. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: