

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE office of register of wills for Calvert county being vacant by the death of Francis King, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to go into an election immediately. Mr. Joseph Wilkinson is nominated by this house to fill the said office, and we have appointed Mr. Hall and Mr. Angier, in conjunction with any members nominated by your house, to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 13, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to your message, we agree to proceed immediately to the election of a register of wills for Calvert county. David M'Mechen and Robert Milligan, Esquires, are appointed by this house to join the gentlemen named by you to examine the ballots. No person is put in nomination by this house in addition to the gentleman named in your message.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a register of wills for Calvert county, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Joseph Wilkinson, Esquire, was unanimously elected. Whereupon,

RESOLVED, That Joseph Wilkinson, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, register of wills for Calvert county.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 14, 1797.

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

Petitions from Stephen Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, and Mary Sweely, of the Federal city, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from the Lutheran congregation of Frederick-town, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of repairing their church, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, Mr. Gift and Mr. Warfield, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Godman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of the levy courts in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Lutheran congregation of Frederick-town, in Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the said memorial into consideration, and are of opinion that an act ought to pass according to the prayer of the said memorialists.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the German protestant congregation belonging to Zion's church, in Baltimore county, praying permission to raise the sum of three thousand dollars by way of lottery to complete a building intended for public worship, also a school for the education of youth, have had the same under their consideration, and beg leave to report, that granting the liberty prayed for in this instance will not interfere with those principles which heretofore actuated the legislature in their general prohibition of lotteries, and as the cause of religion may be promoted in this instance, they submit it, as their opinion, the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

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

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

A petition from John Hammond, guardian to his son John Barnett Hammond, praying an act may pass empowering him to let out, on leases for ninety-nine years renewable for ever, or a less time, all those unimproved lots of ground which belong to his said son in the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Godman and Mr. E. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

Petitions from Robert Taylor, Robert Doyme, George Stout, junior, John M'Iver, Stephen Zacharie and Thomas B. M'Cable, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were 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 a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the raising of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 14, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

JOHN HENRY, Esquire, having been elected governor of this state, we propose that a joint letter should be written by the president and speaker, in the usual form, and immediately forwarded by express to that gentleman, notifying to him his election.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.