

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Petitions from John Simmering, John Friday, John Miller and Tuder James, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Mary Hickley, and others, of the city of Baltimore, praying that an act may be passed to vest all the real and lease-hold property of her husband, James Hickley, of which he died possessed, in the city of Baltimore, in the said widow and children of the said James Hickley, to be held and enjoyed by them in the same manner as by acts of assembly has been directed as to other persons dying intestate, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Key and Mr. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Margaret Davis, of Saint-Mary's county, praying that the justices of the levy court of said county may be empowered to assess a sum of money annually in said county for the support of her daughter Deborah Davis, a cripple, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Plowden, Mr. Greenwell and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Baltimore county to complete the house of public worship therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the resolution passed at November session, 1793, authorising the clerk of the council to charge one shilling and ten-pence half-penny for each commission issued under the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be and the same is hereby repealed? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.			
Messrs. Leigh,	Comegys,	Thomas, Chas.	S. Frazier,	Young,	Riley,
Greenwell,	Taney,	E. Brown,	Miller,	Kerfner,	A. Beall. 16.
Page,	Brome,	Jones,	Wilson,		
		N E G A T I V E.			
Plowden,	Bourne,	Kerr,	Nicholson,	Gift,	Swailles,
Angier,	Chapman,	Harwood,	J. Brown,	Montgomery,	P. Magruder,
J. C. Thomas,	T. Buchanan,	Goldsbrough,	C. Frazier,	Jarrett,	R. Magruder,
Brogden,	Merryman,	Wallace,	Emory,	McComas,	Clarke,
Hall,	Carroll,	Matthews,	Rackliff,	Bennett,	Tomlinson,
Godman,	Worthington,	Calvert,	Warfield,	Potter,	Rice. 41.
Emerson,	Sherwood,	Quynn,	Bruce,	C. Beall,	

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorise the levy court of Queen-Anne's county to raise an additional sum of money for the purpose of completing and finishing a jail in the said county. ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. J. Brown and Mr. C. Frazier, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel R. Smith and Caleb Hall, of the city of Baltimore, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are of opinion that relief ought to be granted. All which is submitted.

By order, J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, endorsed; "By the senate, November 15, 1797: Read the first and second time by special order and will pass."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

A letter from Samuel Chase, Esquire, to the governor, enclosing sundry letters respecting the bank stock, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read.

A letter from the governor of Virginia, respecting the boundary line between this state and Virginia, a letter from A. J. Dallas, Esquire, with a copy of the laws of Pennsylvania passed prior to October, 1781, a letter from Charles Pinkney, Esquire, with three copies of the laws of the state of South-Carolina, and a letter from John Callahan, register of the land office, with an account of taxes received in his office, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 13, 1797: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Mr. John Mitchell, a delegate returned for Caroline 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 following messages being prepared, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 15, 1797.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have appointed Mr. Hugh Matthews, Mr. Ephraim K. Wilson, Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Henry H. Chapman and Mr. John C. Thomas, a committee on the part of this house, to join such gentlemen as you may please to nominate, to form a joint committee of both houses to compare and examine all bills from time to time during the session, as soon as they shall be severally engrossed.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.