

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to prevent the going at large of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, November 16, 1797: "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.
Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 17, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected your bill, entitled, An act to prevent the going at large of swine in the town of Nottingham, in Prince-George's county, not so much from an opinion that some partial benefits might not result from its passage to the inhabitants of the town of Nottingham, as from an expectation that a bill may originate in your house during the present session, embracing, in its provisions, the whole or greater part of the state.

The advantages which would be derived to the people at large from the confinement of swine, would greatly outweigh the inconveniencies which some individuals in particular situations might experience from their confinement. We are satisfied more pork would be raised, if hogs were kept up and fed in grass enclosures; this practice, we understand, obtains in the Jerseys, and in other states, from whence large quantities of pork are annually exported to this state. Timber, in most parts of the state, is becoming, or rather is become, scarce and valuable; the most thriving timber is cut down to make strong fences to keep out hogs from meadows and grain fields; the annual waste of timber, and the labour bestowed in the making and repairing of those fences, are beyond calculation. Were hogs confined, this labour and consumption of timber would in a great measure be saved, for fences, much less substantial than those at present in use, would prevent other live stock from injuring meadows, grass enclosures and grain fields. To give the people sufficient time to be properly prepared for raising swine in grass enclosures to be appropriated to that particular purpose, we suggest the propriety of passing such a law at the present session, not to take effect before the first day of January, eighteen hundred. Should you be averse from passing such a law, on the apprehension or persuasion that it might be onerous and prejudicial to particular districts, those might be exempted from its operation; as for instance, those counties in which are extensive salt marshes, and that portion of the state lying westward of the Kitocktin mountains, comparatively thinly inhabited, and consequently abounding in a wide range of forest.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Calvert, Mr. Robins, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Comegys, Mr. J. C. Thomas, Mr. Addison and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to prepare an answer to the said message.

On motion, ORDERED, That the report on the petition of William Fitzhugh be committed for amendment.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain the allowance to witnesses summoned to attend on land commissions. ORDERED, That Mr. Thomas, of Frederick, Mr. Duckett and Mr. J. Buchanan, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges report, that they have inspected the returns of the sheriffs of the several counties, and of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Annapolis, and find, by the said returns, the following persons are elected and duly returned as members of the house of delegates, to wit. For Saint-Mary's county, William Thomas, John Leigh, Edmund Plowden and Robert Greenwell, Esquires; for Kent county, Thomas Angier, Henry Page, Cornelius Comegys and James Parker, Esquires; for Anne-Arundel county, John Chew Thomas, William Brogden, Edward Hall and Samuel Godman, Esquires; for Calvert county, Peter Emerson, Michael Taney, Thomas Bourne and William D. Brome, Esquires; for Charles county, Henry Henley Chapman, John Parnham, John Thomas and Thomas Buchanan, Esquires; for Baltimore county, Elijah Merryman, James Carroll, John Tolly Worthington and Elias Brown, Esquires; for Talbot county, Philemon Sherwood, Thomas Oldham Martin, David Kerr and John Harwood, Esquires; for Somerset county, Lambert Hyland, Benjamin Jones, Benjamin Dashiell and William Polk, Esquires; for Dorchester county, Solomon Frazier, John Craig, Richard Pattison and Charles Goldsborough, Esquires; for Cæcil county, Levi Hollingsworth, junior, Thomas Wallace, Samuel Miller and Hugh Matthews, Esquires; for Prince-George's county, Thomas Grafton Addison, Walter Bowie, Allen Bowie Duckett and George Calvert, Esquires; for the city of Annapolis, Allen Quynn and Philip Barton Key, Esquires; for Queen-Anne's county, Joseph Hopper Nicholson, James Brown, Charles Frazier and Gideon Emory, Esquires; for Worcester county, William Corbin, Ephraim K. Wilson, James Bowdoin Robins and John Rackliff, Esquires; for Frederick county, Henry Ridgely Warfield, John Thomas, Upton Bruce and Joshua Gift, Esquires; for Harford county, John Montgomery, Abraham Jarrett, Nicholas D. M'Comas and James Bond, Esquires; for Caroline county, John Bennett, John Mitchell, John Young and William Potter, Esquires; for Washington county, Martin Kerchner, Cephas Beall, Ambrose Geohagan and John Buchanan, Esquires; for Montgomery county, George Riley, Robert Swailes, Patrick Magruder and Robert P. Magruder, Esquires; for Allegany county, Daniel Clarke, Aza Beall, Benjamin Tomlinson and John Rice, Esquires.

Which was read.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution authorising the governor and council to procure the laws of congress, endorsed; "By the senate, November 14, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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