

“By the senate, November 17, 1797: Read the second time and assented to.

“By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.”

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Allegany county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion that the raising a sum of money by lottery to improve the post-road leading through said county, would promote the interest of said county, and also greatly advantage the general interest of the state, as it would be the means of drawing almost all the trade from the western country into this state, which now takes a different direction.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wilton, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to erect a company, as a body corporate, for the purpose of cutting and making a canal between the bay of Chesapeake and the river Delaware; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the printing the said bill be dispensed with, and that the same have a second reading on Tuesday week next.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to extend the time for the late sheriffs and collectors in the several counties of this state to complete their collections be withdrawn.

On motion, the question was put, That George Murdock, Valentine Brother and Philip Thomas, or any two of them, be authorized, and they, or any two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase an estate in fee-simple, for the use of this state, in ten acres of land in Frederick county, on which certain stone barracks are erected, and which ten acres of land have been surveyed and laid off by Samuel Duvall, surveyor of the said county; provided that not more than three hundred pounds current money be given for the same? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

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| Messieurs        | Leigh,        | Sherwood,    | Wallace,     | Nicholson,    | Gist,     | J. Buchanan,   |
|                  | Comegys,      | Harwood,     | Miller,      | Robins,       | Jarrett,  | Riley,         |
|                  | J. C. Thomas, | Jones,       | Calvert,     | Warfield,     | McComas,  | Swales,        |
|                  | Merryman,     | Pattison,    | Quynn,       | Thomas, Fred. | Kershner, | P. Magruder,   |
|                  | E. Brown,     | Goldborough, | Key,         | Bruce,        | C. Beall, | Rice. 30.      |
| N E G A T I V E. |               |              |              |               |           |                |
| Messieurs        | Page,         | Taney,       | Worthington, | J. Brown,     | Rackliff, | Potter,        |
|                  | Hall,         | Bourne,      | S. Frazier,  | C. Frazier,   | Bond,     | A. Beall,      |
|                  | Godman,       | Brome,       | Addison,     | Emory,        | Bennett,  | Tomlinson. 23. |
|                  | Emerson,      | T. Buchanan, | Duckett,     | Wilton,       | Mitchell, |                |

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A memorial from David Kerr, of Talbot county, stating, that he sustained great damages and loss in consequence of the erection of a fort on his land during the late war, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Sherwood, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn and Mr. A. Beall, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of negro Rachel, slave to William Gaither, of Frederick county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find, from a certificate of said Gaither, that a certain Daniel Martin purchased the petitioner's daughter Nancy Martin, with an intention of emancipating her, and that said Martin died, leaving no relatives in America; upon which statement of facts it appears to your committee, that the right to said Nancy Martin vested in the state of Maryland, and are of opinion that the state, if said right doth so exist, ought to relinquish the same as prayed for in the said petition.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Rackliff, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for opening a road in Worcester county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Warfield has leave of absence for ten days. Mr. Emerson has leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the destruction of crows and squirrels in Queen-Anne's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 18, 1797.

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

The resolution respecting the purchase of ten acres of land near Frederick-town, whereon the stone barracks are erected, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize a lottery in George-town, in the territory of Columbia, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to authorize the select vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's and partly in Talbot counties, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorizing a lottery for the purpose therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to authorize a lottery in Baltimore county to complete the house of public worship therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

Mr. Robins, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following message:

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