

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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The bill to incorporate the Somerset library company, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 18, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.  
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "country" in the 2d line of the first page to the end of the preamble, and insert "have a beneficial influence in promoting the interest and happiness of mankind: And whereas many liberal minded persons of Somerset county have contributed large sums of money for the purchase of valuable books, and have formed themselves into a society, by the name of The Somerset Library Company, and prayed that a law may pass creating them one body politic and corporate for ever; therefore."

Which was read.  
The bill for the benefit of Phebe Martin and Priscilla Martin, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 16, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.  
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the words "took up" in the 9th line, page 1, and insert "affected by warrant." Strike out from the word "law," 1st line, 2d page, to the end of the bill, and insert "empowering the chancellor of the state of Maryland to direct a patent to issue for the lands so affected by warrant, in the same manner he might or could do provided the said John Martin had at the time of his death been a citizen of this state. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the chancellor of this state be authorized and empowered to direct a patent to issue to and in the name of the said Priscilla Martin, of and for the lands above mentioned, in the same manner he might or could have done agreeably to the laws of this state in case the said John Martin had been, at the time of his death, a citizen of this state; provided always, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed in any manner to affect any right or claim to the said property acquired by any person or persons before the passage of this act."

Which were read.  
A bill, entitled, An act to secure the collection of the duties imposed upon marriage licences, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 16, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.  
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
And a supplement to the act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 18, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.  
"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
The bill for the benefit of William Polk, of Somerset county, the bill to encourage the destruction of wolves and crows in the several counties therein mentioned, and the bill annulling the marriage of William Barroll, of Kent county, and Lucretia his wife, were sent to the senate by the clerk.  
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 19, 1797.

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

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 inhabitants of Montgomery county report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Which was read. By order, J. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. T. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel T. Dyson, of Baltimore county, report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the special circumstances stated in the petitioner's memorial entitle him to the relief prayed for.

Which was read. By order, J. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius West, of Talbot county, report, that the facts therein stated are true, and that compensation ought to be made, and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to Cornelius West, or his order, the sum of three hundred pounds current money, in full of all compensation for building a court-house at Easton.

All which is submitted. By order, S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read. A petition