

"By the senate, December 23, 1797: Read the second time and will pass.  
 "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.  
 And a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act respecting the slaves of certain French subjects, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1797.  
 "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
 On the second reading the bill to alter and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government as requires property as a qualification for voters at elections, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, that all free born men above the age of twenty-one years, and having resided in the county in which they offer to vote one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage at all elections to be held in the county in which such free born man shall have so resided." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs	Leigh, Angier, Comegys, Brogden, Taney, Bourne,	Brome, Chapman, Parnham, Merryman, Worthington, E. Brown,	Sherwood, Martin, Harwood, Hyland, Jones,	S. Frazier, Pattison, Matthews, J. Brown, Corbin,	Gift, Montgomery, Jarrett, M'Comas, Young,	C. Beall, Riley, P. Magruder, R. Magruder, Rice.
Messrs	Thomas, Chas. T. Buchanan, Craig,	Hollingsworth, Wallace,	Quynn, Key,	C. Frazier, Wilson,	Warfield, Smith,	Clarke, Tomlinson.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.  
 The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs	Leigh, Angier, Comegys, Brogden, Godman,	Taney, Bourne, Brome, Chapman, Parnham,	Merryman, Worthington, E. Brown, Sherwood, Martin,	Harwood, Hyland, Jones, S. Frazier, Pattison,	Matthews, J. Brown, Montgomery, Jarrett, M'Comas,	Young, C. Beall, Riley, P. Magruder, Rice.
Messrs	Thomas, Chas. T. Buchanan, Kerr, Craig,	Hollingsworth, Wallace, Quynn, Key,	Nicholson, C. Frazier, Corbin, Wilson,	Warfield, Bruce, Gift,	Smith, Kerfner, J. Buchanan,	R. Magruder, Clarke, Tomlinson.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.  
 Mr. J. Buchanan has leave of absence.  
 The house adjourns till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 26, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. J. Buchanan. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Merryman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a report on the petition of Richard Cromwell; which was read.

Mr. Clarke, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of the state to the land therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the sale of spirituous liquors to prisoners confined in the several county gaols of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Carroll, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate. ORDERED, That Mr. Smith, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Merryman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to relinquish the right of the state to the land therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the bill to alter and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government as requires property as a qualification for voters at elections, by the clerk.

The bill to regulate constables fees, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Smith, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates, and for elector of the senate; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to alter and repeal so much of the constitution and form of government as requires property as a qualification for voters at elections, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.  
 "By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.