

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the adjournment of Baltimore county court. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Smith and Mr. Nicholson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Robert Waters and William Diamond was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The speaker of the house being obliged, from indisposition, to retire from the chair, the house appointed Joseph Hopper Nicholson, Esquire, speaker pro tempore.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution authorising William Kilty to revise the acts of assembly of the state of Maryland, endorsed; "By the senate, December 25, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and assented to with the proposed amendments. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution respecting returns of certificates upon certain surveys, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and assented to with the proposed amendments. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. After the word "surveys" in the 4th line insert the words "on warrants heretofore issued for affecting lands in Allegany county." In the 13th line strike out the words "or eastern." In the 14th line strike out the words "as the case may be." From the word "certificates" in the 18th line strike out to the end of the resolution and insert as follows: "or on default of returning such certificates within the time so extended, the said lands shall be liable to proclamation in the same manner as is now allowed in cases where certificates are not returned nor compounded on in time; and in cases where the composition money shall be installed as aforesaid, and payment thereof shall not be made according to the times aforesaid, process of scire facias shall issue upon the said bonds for the immediate recovery of the sums of money due against the persons, lands and chattels, of the several obligors therein mentioned, and the lands affected by such surveys shall be bound for the payment of the composition money."

Which were read the first and second time and agreed to. The bill to continue certain acts relative to the high court of chancery, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed. A bill, entitled, An act for the direction of sheriffs and coroners in the return of jurors, and for the better regulation of juries, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

"By the senate, December 27, 1797: Read the second time by especial order and will pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. On the second reading the bill to interest the state of Maryland in the Susquehanna canal, and to enlarge her capital in the Patowmack company, the question was put, That the following words be struck out? "Fifty-two thousand dollars stock of the United States bearing an interest of six per centum annum." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Greenwell,	Chapman,	Jones,	Quynn,	Bruce,	Bond,
	Angier,	Thomas, Chas.	Hollingsworth,	Key,	Gift,	Smith,
	Comegys,	T. Buchanan,	Matthews,	J. Brown,	Montgomery,	Dorsey,
	J. C. Thomas,	Merryman,	Addison,	Corbin,	Jarrett,	C. Beall,
	Godman,	Carroll,	Bowie,	Warfield,	M'Comas,	R. Magruder,

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Leigh,	Brome,	Martin,	Craig,	C. Frazier,	Riley,
	Brogden,	Parnham,	Kerr,	Pattison,	Emory,	P. Magruder,
	Hall,	Worthington,	Harwood,	Wallace,	Wilson,	Clarke,
	Taney,	E. Brown,	Hyland,	Miller,	Young,	Rice.
	Bourne,	Sherwood,	S. Frazier,	Duckett,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the word "five" be inserted after the words "one hundred and twenty?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Greenwell,	Thomas, Chas.	Bowie,	Corbin,	Dorsey,	R. Magruder,
	J. C. Thomas,	T. Buchanan,	Duckett,	Warfield,	C. Beall,	Clarke,
	Hall,	Kerr,	Quynn,	Bruce,	Riley,	Tomlinson,
	Godman,	Matthews,	Key,	Gift,	P. Magruder,	Rice.
	Chapman,	Addison,	J. Brown,	Smith,		

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