

The bill to continue the several acts of assembly therein referred to, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the 4th line, after the word "except" strike out to the end of the clause and insert the following words: "such laws or parts of laws as are repealed by any act or acts passed during this session of assembly."

The bill to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein referred to, and the following message: BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR amendment to the bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein referred to, has been taken into consideration by the senate. We are of opinion that the vested rights of informers is sufficiently protected by its provisions, but have no objection to receive your amendment as far as the word "law," inclusive, in the 8th line of your amendment. The residue of your amendment we hope you will recede from. We cannot see any reason to afford any new remedy in favour of those who may have lodged information.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That all unfinished business now on the table of this house be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

The bill to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from enjoying the rights and privileges of free citizens, was read the second time, and the question 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.

Messieurs	Angier,	Merryman,	Jones,	Quynn,	Thomas, Fred.	Dorsey,	
	Comegys,	Sherwood,	S. Frazier,	Nicholson,	Jarrett,	R. Magruder,	
	J. C. Thomas,	Martin,	Hollingworth,	C. Frazier,	McComas,	Summers,	
	Godman,	Kerr,	Matthews,	Wilson,	Bond,	Tomlinson,	
	Taney,	Harwood,	Addison,	Warfield,	Smith,	Rice.	
	Bourne,	Hyland,	Calvert,				
			N E G A T I V E.				
Mc.	Brogden,	Emerson,	Parnham,	Key,	Emory,	P. Magruder,	
	Hall,	Brome,	Duckett,	J. Brown,	Riley,	Clarke.	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY, January 21, 1798.

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

The bill to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from enjoying the rights and privileges of free citizens, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting repairs to the senate room, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill relating to sheriffs sales, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill add, "And be it enacted, That an act, entitled, An act to restrain ill practices used by sheriffs in taking goods by fieri facias and selling them by vendition exponas, passed at a session of assembly held at the city of Annapolis on the seventeenth day of July, seventeen hundred and sixteen, be and the same is hereby repealed and declared null and void.

Which was read the first and second time and rejected. The supplement to the act to restrain the ill practices of sheriffs, and to direct their conduct respecting runaways, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The report on the petition of Elizabeth Keech Cartwright was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill relating to sheriffs sales by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have negatived your amendment to the bill, entitled, An act relating to sheriffs sales, and beg that upon reconsideration you will recede from the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.