

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein referred to, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 21, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE concur with your message respecting our amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to relinquish the right of this state to the lands therein mentioned, and recede from the same as far as it is objected to by you.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bills No. 98, 99, 100, 101, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 115 and 116, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state furnish, at the next session of assembly, six copies of Bacon's and Hanfon's editions of the laws of the state, six copies of the laws passed since the year 1784, two copies of the votes and proceedings since the first day of April, 1775, all neatly bound, and endorsed for the use of the house of delegates.

Whereas the compensation allowed to the trustee under the act respecting the creditors and debtors of this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety, after the first year, is inadequate to the services required of him, RESOLVED, That the said trustee shall be entitled to receive, as an additional compensation for his services for the present year, the sum of two hundred dollars.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed at March session, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bill No. 112, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the senate, January 21, 1798: Read and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

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 being witnesses in all cases, endorsed;

"By the senate, January 21, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 8th line of the 1st page, after the word "affirmation" insert "as witnesses." In the 14th line of the same page, after the word "affirmation" insert "as witnesses." In the 16th line of the same page, after the word "oath" strike out the words "in all cases and." Strike out from the word "witness" in the 1st line of the 2d page to the word "in," being the second word in the second line.

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And a bill, entitled, An act to separate the criminal business arising in the county and city of Baltimore, endorsed; "By the senate, January 21, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 21, 1798: 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.

The paper bill No. 112 was sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, the question was put, That the governor and council be authorized to contract for the furnishing the room in which the house of delegates hold their session with circular tables, and as many Windsor chairs thereto as will be sufficient to accommodate all the members belonging to the said house, the said tables and chairs to be formed and fixed in the same manner as in the house of representatives of the United States; and that the treasurer pay to the order of the governor and council whatever sum or sums of money may be adequate for the said purpose? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Angier,	Kerr,	Hollingsworth,	Quynn,	Wilson,	McComas,
J. C. Thomas,	Harwood,	Mathews,	Key,	Warfield,	Smith,
Godman,	Hyland,	Duckett,	Nicholson,	Thomas, Fred.	Dorsey.
Chapman,	Jones,	Calvert,	C. Frazier,	Jarrett,	23.
N E G A T I V E.					
Comegys,	Bourne,	Martin,	Addison,	Riley,	Clarke,
Hall,	Brome,	S. Frazier,	J. Brown,	R. Magruder,	Tomlinson,
Emerson,	Merryman,	Craig,	Emory,	Summers,	Rice.
Taney,	Sherwood,	Wallace,	Young,		22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That if it shall be necessary to set up stoves in the said room, that the treasurer also pay to the order of the governor and council whatever sum or sums may be necessary for the purchase of stoves as aforesaid? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED unanimously, That the thanks of this house be presented to William Thomas, Esquire, in testimony of our approbation of his conduct in the chair, and of his ability, impartiality and attention, manifested in the discharge of the various duties assigned him as speaker of this house.

ORDERED, That William Green, assistant clerk to the senate, be allowed on the journal of accounts the sum of fifty dollars for his services, in addition to his per diem.

ORDERED, That Edward Roberts, messenger to the senate, be allowed on the journal of accounts fifty dollars for taking care of the senate chamber, and the furniture therein, during the recess of the legislature.

The bill to separate the criminal business arising in the county and city of Baltimore, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.