

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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Mr. John Parnham, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such part 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. ORDERED, That Mr. Winder, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. A. Buchanan, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry persons, stockholders in the Baltimore insurance company, praying that any one company or stockholder may be allowed to hold a greater number of shares than by law they may now hold, report, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order, J. HARWOOD, clk.
Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That the committee appointed on the said petition prepare and bring in the same. The bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, was read the second time, and passed.

M. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the several petitions of insolvent debtors, have taken into consideration that of Francis Valdiniere, of Montgomery county, a prisoner now confined in the gaol of said county, which, from the best information they can procure, is stated to be in a ruinous condition, and not fit for any person to live in, and the said Valdiniere, in consequence of the approaching season, is liable to great and peculiar hardships. The committee find, the said Valdiniere has given notice of his intended application, by publishing the same for seven successive weeks ensuing the twenty-fifth of September last, in a George-town news-paper. Your committee conceive it would be humane in the legislature to pass a special act for his relief; but they are compelled to state, that a great number of similar petitions have been presented, and that an act for each individual would occupy considerable time, and incur much expence, and thus circumstanced, they must submit to the wisdom of the house the propriety of passing a special act in this particular case.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a further additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to freighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Summers, Mr. Carroll and Mr. R. Magruder, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Francis Valdiniere was read the second time, and the question put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for the relief of Francis Valdiniere, of Montgomery county? Determined in the negative.

A petition from George Campbell, an artificer in the late army, stating, that he remained in the army until the end of the late war, and praying compensation for the same, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Steuart and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Andrew McCleary, of Allegany county, praying the state to relinquish her right to a lot of ground in the town of Cumberland, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Beall, Mr. Cresap, of Michael, and Mr. Cresap, of Daniel, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to increase the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Sinkins, Mr. Key and Mr. Purnell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Beall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Thistle, of Allegany county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such part 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; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:
BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,
THE senate is formed, and ready to proceed in the business of the session.
By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.
The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
WE have received your message, and are ready to proceed immediately to the election of a governor, and have appointed Mr. Thomas Buchanan and Mr. Ephraim K. Wilton to join such members as may be appointed by your house to examine the ballots. Thomas Sim Lee, Esquire, is put in nomination by this house.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,
THE office of register of wills being vacant in the county of Allegany, we propose, with the concurrence of your house, to go into an election immediately. Mr. Thomas Cromwell is nominated by this house.