

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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The bill to confirm an act, 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, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from John Gallaher, of Allegany county, late a soldier in the Maryland line, praying the depreciation of his pay, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Beall and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Warfield, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick-town and county, members of the German Lutheran church in Frederick-town, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners is reasonable and just, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, 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 clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 12, 1798.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to proceed immediately to the election of a council to the governor, and have appointed John Thomas and David M'Mechen, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named by you in the examination of the ballots. No person is nominated by the senate in addition to those mentioned in your message.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

And the bill to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1798: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The house having qualified agreeably to the constitution and form of government, proceeded to the choice of a council to the governor, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Arthur Shaaff, John Davidson, James Brice, James Thomas and Jonathan Wilmer, Esquires, had a majority of votes.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That Arthur Shaaff, John Davidson, James Brice, James Thomas and Jonathan Wilmer, Esquires, be, and they are hereby declared to be, the council to the governor.

A petition from the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, praying they may be authorized to dispose of two acres of land heretofore conveyed by Moses Edwards to the vestrymen and churchwardens of said parish, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Carroll, Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Warfield, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize a lottery in Frederick-town, in Frederick county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 14, 1798.

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

Mr. Winder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Parker, of Somerset county, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, 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.

Petitions from Thomas Barely, of Montgomery county, and James M'Coy and Thomas Walters, of Dorchester county, severally praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A Petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying they may be authorized by lottery to raise a sum for completing a church in Elizabeth-town, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Hyland and Mr. Kerfner, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Catharine Bowman and Daniel Bowman, of Washington county, praying that the error in the courses of a certain tract of land, patented to a certain John Bowman, of Washington county, deceased, may be corrected, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. J. Buchanan, Mr. Kerfner and Mr. Geoghegan, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Magruder, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, praying that an act may pass authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money not exceeding three thousand dollars to clear out the creeks leading to and from Upper-Marlborough and Queen-Anne, do report, that the prayer of the petitioners is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read.

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

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