

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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Mr. Bruce, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act farther to extend the powers of the levy court in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from John Callahan, register of the land-office, with an account of taxes received for one year, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1798: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Hall and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

The resolution in favour of Frederick Green was read the second time and assented to.

Mr. Calvert appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Anne Walker, of Saint-Mary's county, petitioner 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.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm and make valid the acts and proceedings of the several persons therein referred to. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. T. Buchanan and Mr. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the establishment and regulation of levy courts in the several counties in this state, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Winder, Mr. Barroll, Mr. Harwood, Mr. E. K. Wilson and Mr. M'Comas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

THE committee to whom were referred the petitions from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying a repeal or a modification of the law passed at the last session of assembly for the confinement of hogs within five miles of the city of Baltimore, are of opinion that the prayer of the said petitioners is just and reasonable, and ought to be granted.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, 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 petitions prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. E. K. Wilson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the president and directors of the Patowmack company report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that it will be expedient to grant a sum of money to said company; therefore recommend the following resolutions:

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly by the president and directors of the Patowmack company, that the canal navigations of the Patowmack river cannot be accomplished without pecuniary aid from the legislature, and that a considerable sum of money is still requisite to complete this great undertaking: And whereas this state, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, seventeen hundred and

eighty-four, subscribed for fifty shares, at the rate of one hundred pounds sterling per share, and afterwards, on the twenty-fourth day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, subscribed for forty additional shares; at the rate of five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-eight cents per share; amounting in the whole to the sum of seventeen thousand pounds and eight-pence

great money, which must for ever be unproductive to the state, unless the works aforesaid can be effected, or rendered so complete as to enable the company to receive full tolls, in which event there is

every reason to believe that the state will draw an interest on the money heretofore and hereafter to be invested of at least ten per cent. independent of the immense advantages that must result to her from the attainment of this desirable object; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be

and he is hereby authorized and directed to subscribe, in behalf of this state, for seventy shares in the augmented capital of the Patowmack company, and to pay the sum of five hundred and seventy-seven

dollars and seventy-eight cents on each of said shares, and the said treasurer shall receive the proportion of tolls which shall from time to time be due to the state for said shares; and the said treasurer shall have a right to vote for said shares in person, or by proxy appointed by him.

RESOLVED, That the said treasurer shall pay the amount of the shares thus subscribed for to the president and directors of the Patowmack company, by equal quarterly instalments, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, the first payment whereof shall be made, if required, on the first day of

April, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine; and the president and directors aforesaid shall and they are hereby authorized and empowered to draw on the treasurer for the same; provided that the treasurer shall at all times retain a sufficient sum in the treasury for the payment of the civil lists, and the journal of accounts for the present and ensuing year.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Thursday the sixth day of December next.

ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike one hundred copies of the same for the use of the general assembly.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Russell report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and have examined the act of assembly of November, seventeen hundred

and eighty-three, in favour of said Russell, his claim against the state, and that claim as stated on the books, and from the vouchers lodged in the auditor's-office, they are of opinion there is justly due to said