

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

		<b>N E G A T I V E</b>			
McMeure	Harwood, Hall, Mackall, Nabb,	Jones, Miller, Wallace, Duckett,	J. Brown, C. Frazier, Wright,	Jarrett, McComas, Montgomery,	A. Buchanan, W. Wilson, Kerfner, Cellar, Geoghegan, J. Buchanan.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.  
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

**W E D N E S D A Y, November 28, 1798.**

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Petitions from John Riley, of Frederick county, and William Russell, of Baltimore city, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Dennis Griffith, of Anne-Arundel county, praying to be released from a debt due to the state, was preferred and read. ORDERED, That Mr. Harwood, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Purnell, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, on the following resolutions from the commonwealth of Massachusetts, viz.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 28, 1798.

Whereas it is highly expedient that every constitutional barrier should be opposed to the introduction of foreign influence into our national councils, and that the constitution of the United States should be so amended as to effect and secure, in the best manner, the great objects for which it was designed: **RESOLVED**, That the senators and representatives of this commonwealth in the congress of the United States, be, and they hereby are requested to use their best endeavours that congress propose to the legislatures of the several states, the following amendment to the constitution of the United States, viz, That (in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by said constitution) no person shall be eligible as president or vice-president of the United States, nor shall any person be a senator or representative in the congress of the United States, except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of independence, and shall have continued either to reside within the same or to be employed in its service from that period to the time of his election.

And whereas the spirit of amity and mutual concession, which produced the federal constitution, ought always to be cultivated in the proposition and adoption of any amendments to the same: **RESOLVED FURTHER**, That in case the senators and representatives of this state in congress, shall find, that the amendment above proposed is not perfectly conformable to the wishes and sentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the national legislature, they are hereby empowered and requested so to modify the same as to meet the sentiments of such majority. Provided however, and it is the wish and opinion of this legislature, that any amendment which may be agreed upon, should exclude, at all events, from a seat in either branch of congress, any person who shall not have been actually naturalized at the time of making this amendment, and have been admitted a citizen of the United States fourteen years, at least, at the time of such election.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, That his excellency the governor is hereby requested to communicate the foregoing resolves to the supreme executives of the several states, with a request, that the same may be submitted to the consideration of their respective legislatures. And that the president of the senate and the speaker of this house be requested forthwith to transmit the same to the senators and representatives of this state in congress.

Read and unanimously accepted.  
Sent up for concurrence.  
**EDWARD H. ROBBINS, Speaker.**

In Senate, June 28, 1798.  
Read and unanimously concurred.  
**SAMUEL PHILIPS, President.**

June 29th, 1798. Approved.  
**INCREASE SUMNER.**

A true copy. Attest.  
**JOHN AVERY, Secretary.**

The speaker left the chair; Mr. Tilghman took the chair of the committee. The speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Tilghman reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolutions under consideration, and had dissented from the same.

The resolutions were then read, and the question put, Will the house concur with the report of the committee on the first resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		<b>A F F I R M A T I V E</b>			
McMeure	Barber, Barroll, Tilghman, Harwood, Hall, Parnham, M. Pheron, E. Brown,	Ridgely, Carroll, Sherwood, Nabb, Edmondson, Jones, Hyland, Steele,	S. Frazier, Miller, Wallace, Addison, Duckett, Quynn, Key, J. Brown,	C. Frazier, Wright, Corbin, Bennett, Purnell, Gwinn, Thomas, Bruce,	McComas, Montgomery, Jarrett, Dallam, A. Buchanan, W. Wilson, Kerfner, Cellar, Geoghegan, J. Buchanan, Summers, R. Magruder, Swearingen, Cresap, of M., Cresap, of D., Beall.

NEGATIVE