

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

THURSDAY, January 3, 1799.

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

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole on the bill to regulate elections. The speaker left the chair. Mr. Barroll took the chair of the committee; after some time spent therein, Mr. speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Barroll reported, that the committee had taken the said bill into consideration, and had made several amendments thereto.

Which said bill was read the first time, and the question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be postponed till the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.			
Messrs.	Greenwell,	T. Buchanan,	Hyland,	Steele,	J. Brown,
	Barroll,	M ^c Pherson,	Steuart,	S. Frazier,	Corbin,
	Taney,	Nabb,	Partison,	Quynn,	E. K. Wilson,
	Parnham,	Benson,	Keene,	Key,	Purnell,
			N E G A T I V E.		Potter,
			Edmondson,	Duckett,	Clarke.
			Jones,	C. Frazier,	22.
			Miller,	Wright,	
			Hollingsworth,	Warfield,	
			Wallace,	Gwinn,	
Messieurs	Leigh,	Mackall,	David,	Thomas,	M ^c Comas,
	Barber,	Bourne,	Addison,	Bruce,	Montgomery,
	Neale,	Brome,	Calvert,	Jarrett,	Young,
	Tilghman,	E. Brown,			A. Buchanan,
	Dunn,	Ridgely,			W. Wilson,
	Worthington,	Carroll,			Kershner,
	Harwood,	Lemmon,			Cellar,
	Hall,	Sherwood,			Geoghegan,
					Summers,
					Swearington,
					Riley,
					Cresap, of M.
					Cresap, of D.
					Beall,
					Simkins.
					47.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of the chancellor of Maryland, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that his salary ought to be increased. The appointment requires talents, virtue and integrity. The exercise of its extensive duties demands incessant application and unwearied diligence; and the chancellor's residence at the seat of government, by exhausting every moment of time, wholly excludes every other mode of obtaining subsistence, except what results from the salary. His responsibility is sole and great, and these circumstances create such a discrimination from all other judiciary appointments, as warrants this house in granting an increase, and they recommend the same to be adopted by the house, and that leave be given to bring in a bill for that purpose.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the first part of the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, 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.

Mr. Summers, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Allen Bowie, of Montgomery county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true; the committee are therefore of opinion, that as the improvements included in the vacancy mentioned in said petition have been put on the land by the petitioner himself, and prior possessors of the said land, and as the materials were not taken from the land itself, the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted. They therefore submit the following resolution:

Whereas upon a survey lately made upon a tract of land called War Park, lying in Prince-George's county, and held by Allen Bowie, of Montgomery county, it appears that a number of acres hitherto supposed to be a part of the said tract called War Park was vacant, and that there are improvements upon the said vacancy which have been made by the said Allen Bowie, and the former possessors of the same, of materials not procured on the said vacancy, but purchased from persons holding lands adjoining thereto; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said Allen Bowie, or order, the sum of forty pounds current money, it being the sum paid by him for the valuation of the improvements on the vacant land aforesaid.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Addison, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Weems Allein report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and finding the facts therein stated to be true, are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted.

By order,

J. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Nicholas Watkins, of Anne-Arundel county, one of the collectors of the said county, praying further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Quynn and Mr. Key, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. C. Frazier, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Dixon, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, they have taken the same under consideration, and find the grievance complained