

vides for the security and safety of the property of those, whose contiguity to the city may eventually subject them to the effects of its operation, the proposed bill containing and calling for known boundaries and limits, that all persons may be informed, whose duty or interest shall dictate, on inquiry, and which designated limits comprehend almost the whole of these parts of Baltimore adjacent to the city where the grievance complained of at this time exists.

Permit us also to remark, that in local, as well as general regulations, the inclination and wishes of the people, or of those to be affected thereby, should ever have their weight in the scale of legislation; and that the sense of a large number of the citizens of Baltimore county, who have addressed us on the subject, ought to be attended to in a local regulation calculated at their expence, for the convenience of a few inhabitants of Baltimore city, and especially when in the regulations proposed to be substituted, due care has been taken effectually to prevent, in future, the evil complained of.

We also beg leave further to observe, that from the best information, the law proposed will, in its operation, extend to the distance of five miles at least around the city.

For these reasons we request you again to take under your consideration the bill, and persuade ourselves that no future objections will arise on the part of the senate to its being enacted into a law.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill for the encouragement of learning in the several counties in this state, and to establish an uniform system of education; endorsed; "By the senate, January 1, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 5, 1799: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 7, 1799

GENTLEMEN,

WE deem the advancement of literature an object of primary importance, and are happy at all times to find your attention directed to that object. We have, however, on mature deliberation, negatived your bill, being persuaded, that on weighing this important subject, you will agree with us in thinking it more adviseable to endow a number of respectable seminaries, already established in different parts of the state, than to create the institutions you propose.

The first have the great advantage of being already established, are supplied with able teachers, and afford every hope of general and permanent utility, while the latter, from the thinness of our population, and the inadequacy of the proposed funds to the employment of even one respectable teacher, can operate but very partial, and very local advantages. Accordingly we propose to you to grant a donation of one thousand dollars per annum to each of the following schools, to wit: To Charlotte-Hall school, in Saint-Mary's county, Frederick county school, in Frederick-town, Washington academy, in Somerset county, and to Easton school, in Talbot county.

Although we think the prosperity of institutions of this kind are much dependent on the confidence of the public in the permanency of their endowments, and should with great caution withdraw funds appropriated to literary uses, yet, where an institution is on experience found not to answer the intention and views of the original founders, the measure may be adopted without establishing an improper precedent.

Under these impressions, we are willing to concur with you in withdrawing from the funds of Washington college the sum of five hundred pounds, it appearing to us, from the best information, that the seminary will suffer no material injury from the deduction, and that the general diffusion of literature will be greatly aided by the addition we are thereby enabled to make to the funds of the above-mentioned seminaries. And we beg leave further to suggest, that when there shall be an academy established in either Harford or Baltimore county, we shall readily concur in giving the same annual donation thereto.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Key, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Parnham, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hall and Mr. Hollingsworth, be a committee to prepare an answer thereto.

And a bill, entitled, An act to enable Wilhem and Jan Willink, merchants in Amsterdam, to purchase and hold real property in the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county; endorsed;

"By the senate, December 29, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 7, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and after some time spent therein, the further consideration thereof was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish and incorporate a medical and chirurgical faculty or society in the state of Maryland; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

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