

100 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and passed.

Mr. Harwood, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act authorizing Nicholas Watkins, one of the collectors of Anne-Arundel county, to complete his collections; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Calvert county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Brown, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the lands, commonly called the Choptank Indian Lands, in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, and to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The bill to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the declaration of rights, the constitution and form of government, as prevent persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath from being witnesses in all cases, was read the second time, and passed.

The house, agreeably to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the supplement to the 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.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the purchase of the barracks in Frederick county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, December 17, 1798: Read the second time and differed from.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, January 8, 1799: Upon reconsideration assented to.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill for the relief of Mary Yeiser, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, January 9, 1799: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 9, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have negatived the bill for the relief of Mary Yeiser, as being a subject not proper for legislative interference. The marriage of Charles Weissels, under the circumstances stated in the bill, with the said Mary Yeiser, in the life-time of his wife, is a nullity, and void ab initio, and is not a matrimonial union, and of course she is at liberty to marry when she pleases.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to make permanent and to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

" By the senate, January 8, 1799: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 9, 1799.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the governor and council, in their appointments of justices of the peace hereafter, to elect such men of integrity, ability and morality, as are most fit and proper for this important trust in the respective counties; that they have particular regard to the residence of the persons to be appointed, so that the several parts of the counties may be equally provided for; and that not more than one justice be commissioned in any one hundred, unless the same is populous or extensive, and shall in their opinion require the services and presence of more than one person to perform the duties of that station; and that if a justice of the peace moves from one hundred to another in the same county, he ought not to be considered a justice for said hundred, and that another be commissioned in his place.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 10, 1799.

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

The bill to empower John Roberts, James Roberts and Mary Roberts, executors of the last will and testament of George Roberts, of the city of Baltimore, deceased, to demise the real estate