

act of the federal government unconstitutional and void, it being an improper interference with that jurisdiction, which is exclusively vested in the courts of the United States; independently of the above consideration, your committee, viewing the present crisis of affairs, believe it incumbent on them to express their opinion, that a recommendation to repeal the alien and sedition laws would be unwise and impolitic; they therefore submit to the house the propriety of adopting the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the general assembly of Maryland highly disapprove of the sentiments and opinions contained in the resolutions of the legislature of Virginia, inasmuch as they contain the unwarrantable doctrine of the competency of a state government, by a legislative act, to declare an act of the federal government unconstitutional and void, and as they contain a request for our co-operation with them in obtaining a repeal of laws, which, at this crisis, we believe are wise and politic.

By order,

S. MAYNARD, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on to-morrow morning.  
Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Farrington report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and that no vouchers have been exhibited to them in support of the said petition, and that the prayer thereof ought not to be granted.

By order,

R. K. WATTS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The report on the petition of George Campbell was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to allow to William Mills, for his attendance on this house in the absence of the door-keeper, the sum of sixty dollars.

The report on the petition of David Kerr was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained dissented from.

The bill to alter the times of holding the county courts in Cæcil, Queen-Anne's and Talbot counties, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Barroll,	Carroll,	Hollingsworth,	Duckett,	McComas,	Geoghegan,
Dunn,	Jones,	Wallace,	Quynn,	Montgomery,	Summers,
Worthington,	Hyland,	David,	Gwinn,	W. Wilson,	Cresap, of D.
E. Brown,	Winder,	J. Magruder,	Jarrett,	Kershner,	Simkins.
Ridgely,	Miller,				26.

N E G A T I V E.

Leigh,	Brôme,	Edmondson,	J. Brown,	Clarke,	Swearingen,
Harwood,	Parnham,	Benfon,	C. Frazier,	Young,	Riley,
Hall,	Sherwood,	Pattison,	Wright,	R. Magruder,	Beall.
Taney,	Nabb,	Keene,	Purnell,		22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors, passed at the present session of assembly; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Jacob Norris was read the second time, concurred with, and the resolution therein contained dissented from.

The bill to authorize the justices of the levy court for Prince-George's county to levy a sum of money on the assessable property of said county for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

The bill declaring what shall be evidence in certain cases therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, the bill for erecting a village at Tuckahoe bridge, in Caroline county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 12, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 14, 1799: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the bill to open a road in Cæcil county from Archibald Dyfart's towards Hugh Ramsay's Tavern, endorsed; "By the senate, January 8, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, January 14, 1799: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Duckett and Mr. Barroll, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate respecting the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.