

Members
E. Brown,
Lemason,
Sherwood,
Nabb,

Jones,
Partison,
Keene,
Steele,

N E G A T I V E.

S. Frazier,
Miller,
Wallace,
C. Frazier,

Purnell,
M'Comas,
Montgomery,
Kerfner,

Cellar,
Geoghegan,
Summers,
R. Magruder,

Swearingen,
Riley,
Beal.

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1799: Upon reconsideration will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The report of the committee respecting the government-house was read the second time, and the resolutions therein contained assented to.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate, in consequence of the report of the conferrees upon the testamentary system, will agree to recede from their amendment in striking out the whole of the first chapter, and in lieu thereof will agree to substitute the following amendments, viz. Strike out from the word "hereditaments" in the second line of the second page to the word "which," being the third word in the third line of the same page. Strike out the third section of the first chapter. Strike out from the beginning of the fifth section to the end of the thirteenth section, and in lieu thereof insert "all devises and bequests of any lands or tenements devisable by law shall be in writing, signed by the party so devising the same, or by some other person in his presence, and by his express directions, and shall be attested and subscribed, in the presence of the said devisor, by three or four credible witnesses, or else they shall be utterly void and of none effect. And moreover no devise in writing of lands, tenements or hereditaments, or any clause thereof, shall be revocable otherwise than by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing declaring the same, or by burning, cancelling, tearing or obliterating the same, by the testator himself, or in his presence, and by his directions and consent; but all devises and bequests of lands and tenements shall remain and continue in force until the same be burnt, cancelled, torn or obliterated, by the testator, or his directions, in manner aforesaid, or unless the same be altered by some other will or codicil in writing, or other writing of the devisor, signed in the presence of three or four witnesses, declaring the same, any former law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding."

The senate also agree to recede from their amendment in striking out the whole of the eighth chapter in page fifty-seven, and in lieu thereof will substitute the following amendment. Strike out from the word "stock" in the fourth line of page fifty-seven, to word "provisions" in the fifth line of the same page.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read, with the amendments to the bill respecting the testamentary system, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the question was put, That the resolution passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, authorising the clerk of the council to charge one shilling and ten-pence halfpenny for each commission issued in pursuance of the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, be and the same is hereby rescinded? Determined in the negative.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 19, 1799.

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

The bill for the promotion of literature in this state, the resolution respecting Hillsborough school, in Caroline county, and the resolutions respecting an advance of money to the governor, and authorising John Shaw to dispose of sundry articles belonging to the state, were sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That there be paid annually, on the first day of June, the sum of three hundred dollars, by the treasurer of the western shore, to Robert Milligan, David Smith, Daniel Sheridan, George Gale and doctor William Miller, who shall be trustees for the academy at Elkton, in Cæcil county, to be applied towards the promotion of learning in said academy as said trustees shall judge most beneficial, and in case of the death or resignation of any of said trustees, the vacancy shall be filled by a proper person to be chosen by the remaining trustees; provided, that no part of said money shall be paid by the treasurer at any time unless there shall be twelve students of the learned languages in said academy.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.