

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1798.

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On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims place on the journal of accounts fifty dollars in favour of the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, for performing divine service during the present session.

The engrossed bills No. 98, 99 and 100, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 19, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate have concurred with the report of the conferrees appointed to confer on the bill, entitled, An act to confirm an act passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the second, third, fourth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, as also the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, and will pass the same, provided there be an amendment to the latter bill, that some written evidence appear of every voter being worth thirty pounds, or a freehold of fifty acres of land, at the time he offers to vote, this evidence to arise from an assessment of property, which assessment may take place at any time before the party offers to vote, upon such party producing proof of his possessing the property required by the constitution of this state. If you concur in these ideas, the conferrees heretofore appointed by the senate upon those bills will meet any gentlemen named by you to frame the necessary amendments.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Duckett, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare an answer thereto.

Whereas in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-six it was resolved by the general assembly of Maryland, that the treasurer of the western shore should advance, on loan, to Jesse Hollingworth, Philip Rogers and Emanuel Kent, the sum of eight thousand dollars, to be applied to rebuilding and completing the academy in Baltimore-town which had been previous to that time consumed by fire: And whereas there is good reason to believe that the said sum of money will never be demanded; wherefore RESOLVED, That the said resolution be and is hereby rescinded.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

ORDERED, That the printer be directed to strike twenty copies of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, for the use of each lieutenant-colonel commanding the different regiments, and ten for the use of each officer commanding the different extra battalions, to be by them distributed among the officers of their respective commands, and that the said copies be forwarded, under the direction of the clerk of the council, as soon as they may be printed, for the purposes aforesaid.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts this day, including to-morrow.

Whereas sundry persons in Allegany county are in possession of certificates of survey and resurvey which have not been returned to the land-office within the time limited by the resolution passed the last session of the general assembly, and the register of the land-office being thereby prohibited from receiving the same, and as the state will be benefitted by permitting the holders of said certificates an opportunity of returning the same; therefore RESOLVED, That the register of the land-office for the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive all certificates of survey or resurvey made in Allegany county, upon which no warrant or warrants hath or have already issued to affect the same, provided the same be examined and returned to the land-office aforesaid on or before the first day of July next.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1799.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have already taken into consideration the report of the conferrees on the bill, entitled, An act to regulate elections, and upon mature deliberation have rejected the same, because we are of opinion that the mode of evidence contemplated by the report ought not to be introduced into that bill.

The people of this state, we well know, consider the establishment of a district system as an object of primary importance. but we believe that they never thought an assessment list would be introduced into a bill to regulate elections in this state, as the bill authorising a change in those parts of the constitution which relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding elections, presented no such question to their view.

If the senate are anxious to gratify the people in their favourite object, and will pass the bill which was sent from this house, we shall have no objection to the passage of an act in conformity to their ideas, so as to submit to the people the propriety of its adoption at a future session.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to the adjutant-general of this state for the time being the sum of six hundred dollars, and no more, in quarterly payments, as his salary for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, provided the said adjutant-general reside or keep an office at the seat of government.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.