

The bill to alter, abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

And the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1799: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The following messages:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have passed the bill originated in your house, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned. Under our present impressions, we shall, in any bill to regulate elections, insist upon the provisions communicated to you during the present session, notwithstanding the bill, entitled, An act to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned, originated in the senate during this session, and passed by your house. We are of opinion that at present the legislature have a right to ascertain the evidence to prove the qualification of voters in point of property, and in the last mentioned bill we introduced a provision of that kind, merely to obviate objections made by those who might be friendly to the measure.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to the message received from you we have to inform you, that we have finished the business before us, and are ready to close the session at the time you propose, and adjourn to the first Monday of November next.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bill No. 116, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1799: Read and assented to.

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE meant not to cast the least reflection on the memory of the late governor. As your resolve, authorising an advance of money to the present governor for repairing and furnishing the government-house required an account of the expenditure, we think it proper that the executors of Mr. Henry should account for the monies advanced to him—Why should a different rule be laid down for cases exactly similar? You observe, the resolution of the last session required no account of the expenditure of the money advanced, and as the whole sum was not drawn, that this circumstance must be abundant evidence of a proper disposition of the money expended. We have not even suggested that the money has been improperly applied; we think, however, the legislature should know how it has been expended, and had Mr. Henry lived, he probably would have produced an account, specifying the items of expenditure; for surely the not having drawn the whole, does not shew in what manner the one thousand and twenty-two dollars were expended.

In all cases of public expenditures accounts should be produced to satisfy the legislature that the monies advanced have been thriftily applied. We think we have the right to examine all public expenditures, and good, certainly no evil, can arise from its exercise.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The paper bill No. 116 was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The engrossed bills No. 115 and 117 were read, assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by the clerk.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Campbell, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and requests the attendance of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of both houses.

No. 1. An act to settle and ascertain the salary of members of the council for the ensuing year.

No. 2. An act, entitled, An act to confirm an act, entitled, An act to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that make the commissioners of Baltimore-town judges of the elections for delegates and for elector of the senate.

No. 3. An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Baltimore county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the support of Honour Bosley, an idiot, of Baltimore county.

No. 4. A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the destruction of wolves in Allegany county.

No. 5. A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of jurymen and witnesses of the general and the several county and orphans courts in this state.

No. 6. An act, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to incorporate an insurance company in Baltimore-town, and to enable any one company or stockholder in said company to hold a greater number of shares therein than by said act it is now permitted any one company or person to hold.

No. 7.