

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1802.

By the senate, December 1, 1802: Read the second time and dissented from.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the laying out a public road from Thomas Underhill's mill, to intersect the road leading from John Neal's to John Coxe's, in Harford county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

By the senate, December 1, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

And the bill relating to the town of Havre-de-Grace, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1802: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

By the senate, December 1, 1802: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of Prince-George's county, praying a return of money paid for poundage fees on a debt due to the state, improperly collected, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Wood, Mr. Van-Horn and Mr. Goldsborough, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for the relief of sundry proprietors of houses on Wilk's-street, in that part of the city of Baltimore called Fell's Point, be withdrawn for amendment

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution in favour of Thomas Cockey Deye be withdrawn for amendment.

Mr. Cromwell and Mr. Love have leave of absence.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee appointed to bring in a bill to divide the state into districts for the election of members to congress and electors of president and vice-president, report on to-morrow, or be discharged? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

R. Neale,	Blake,	Jones,	Cottman,	Quynn,	Mitchell,	Veatch,
Barber,	Grahame,	M'Pherson,	Hyland,	Quinton,	Swearingen,	Bayard,
W. Neale,	Somervell,	Nabb,	Goldsborough,	Purnell,	T. Davis,	Tomlinson,
Frisby,	Bourne,	Dashiell,	S. Frazier,	Wilson,	Selby,	Cresap.

## N E G A T I V E.

Angier,	Merriken,	Martin,	Ridgely,	Shriver,	Lytle,	Dickson,
Hatcheson,	Hall,	Sheredine,	Thompson,	Kemp,	Orrell,	Kershner,
A. Stuart,	Moore,	Miller,	Lowrey,	Montgomery,	Hardcastle,	Smith,
Dorsey,	Stansbury,	Veazey,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Purviance,	Tilghman.
Harwood,	Lemmon,	Wood,				

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Miller, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of James Ray, of Anne-Arundel county, report, that they have taken the same under their consideration, and have also taken under their consideration the documents accompanying and referred to in said petition, and a statement of said Ray's case, made by the chancellor, under the impression of being implicated by said Ray's petition, and also said Ray's reply to said statement, and a second communication from the chancellor, which said statement and reply, and communication, your committee submits, with this report, to the consideration of the house. It appears to your committee, that the application of the said Ray to the chancellor for relief, under the provisions of the insolvent act, passed at last session, has been unsuccessful, owing to the pressure of importunate creditors, the objection that the said Ray was an object of the bankrupt system of the United States, and the provision in the insolvent act, requiring that bond, with security, might be taken by the chancellor for his appearance before the chancellor from time to time as he should direct; that in justice to the chancellor, your committee are of opinion, that the proceedings had by him in the case, were grounded on the principle of executing the powers vested in him by the law of last session with a due regard to the unfortunate situation of Mr. Ray, cautious, at the same time, not to incur a censure of arbitrary precipitancy from Mr. Ray's creditors; that with deference to the opinion of the chancellor, as no other application has been made to the chancellor since the decision of the general court on the issues sent by the chancellor on the petition of James B. Clark, and within three months after the petition of Mr. Ray to the chancellor for relief, your committee are therefore of opinion, that the legislature can grant said Ray relief, so as to release him from the custody of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county; Mr. Ray being in the custody of the marshal of the United States, upon process issued from the federal courts, no provision passed by the state can or ought to operate so as to release him from the custody of said marshal; that the long confinement of Mr. Ray, and the helpless situation of his wife and children, recommend his case as peculiarly the subject of legislative aid; your committee are therefore of opinion, that leave ought to be given to bring in a bill supplementary to the bill of last session, vesting powers in the chancellor forthwith to release him from the custody of the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, upon the said Ray's executing a bond, in such penalty as the chancellor shall