

112 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER SESSION, 1804.

The question was then put, Shall the said blank be filled up with the words "four hundred and twenty-four"? Resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution being read throughout, the question was put, Will the house assent thereto? Resolved in the affirmative, and the said resolution was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, and on progression in reading said bill, the question was put, Will the house postpone the further consideration thereof until the first day of October next? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

A F F I R M A T I V E.										
Messrs	R. Neale,	Somervell,	Alexander,	Covington,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Ellicott,	Ringgold,		
	Hebb,	Ireland,	Veazey,	Contee,	Bond,	Holbrook,	Bowles,	Bruce,		
	Thomas,	B. Mackall,	Miller,	Clarke,	Ayres,	Stephen,	Yates,	B. Tomlinson,		
	Moore,	Sneredine,	Lyles,	Cockey,	Montgomery,					
N E G A T I V E.										
Messrs	W. Neale,	Mercer,	Chapman,	Brown,	Goldsborough,	Hyland,	Handy,	Selby,		
	Scott,	Parnham,	M'Pherson,	Lemmon,	T. Bayly,	Berry,	Swearingen,	Darne,		
	Hatcheson,	Stuart,	Stansbury,	Harryman,	Cottman,	Shaaff,	Linthicum,	Bayard.		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Muir, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Covington, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the levy court of Prince-George's county to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county a sum of money to build a bridge over the Western Branch, near the town of Upper-Marlborough; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, endorsed; "By the senate January 9, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 14, 1805: Read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which amendment was read the first and second time and agreed to. Also the bill, entitled, An act to authorise a lottery in Allegany county for the purposes therein mentioned endorsed; "By the senate, January 12, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 14, 1805: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Ordered that the said bill be engrossed. Also the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Rebecca Edmondson, Joseph Edmondson, Elizabeth Edmondson and William Edmondson, children and minors of Joseph Edmondson, deceased, endorsed; "By the senate January 7, 1805: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

"By the senate, January 14, 1805: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which amendment was read. Also the bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 14, 1805.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

WE have received your message, requesting a reconsideration of the amendment proposed by the senate the bill, entitled, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

Permit us to observe, that we deem the interests and convenience of the poor class of the community Saint-Mary's county, as of every other county, subjects that merit our most serious deliberations and peculiar care, but we do not wish to hold out to them apparent advantages that will confer no real benefits. In that county excepted from the operation of that part of the bill respecting the inspection of transfer tobacco, many of the inspectors are not in the possession of public warehouses calculated for the reception of that species of tobacco, nor are they prepared with the necessary apparatus to put it into a state for market, and as the bill contemplates an unconditional and immediate operation, it will be imposing on such inspectors a duty, without furnishing them with the means of performing it; hence the inspectors, thus situated, must inevitably be subjected to great loss, or guilty of an open violation of the law. Men of prudence will resign, and the whole system for the inspection of tobacco, so far as respects those warehouses at which they acted, will be inoperative. The evils resulting would be particularly oppressive upon the poor, whose crop must receive the sanction of an inspector to make it a legal tender to the landlord. Under these impressions, we cannot recede from the proposed amendment, but shall be ready to concur in a proposition to exempt from the operation of the bill the warehouses only as are not in a state to meet its provisions, either generally or specially.

By order,

T. W. HALL, clk.

Which was read.