

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1797.

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SATURDAY, December 9, 1797.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. E. Brown has leave of absence for four or five days.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for amending and reducing into system the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators and guardians, and the rights of orphans and other representatives of deceased persons, have a second reading on Wednesday next.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to alter, abolish and repeal, such parts of the first, second, fourteenth and forty-second sections of the constitution and form of government, as relate to the time, place and manner, of holding the several elections therein specified, have a second reading on Tuesday next.

The clerk of the senate delivers the supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 8, 1797: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Amendments proposed. In the third line of the first page strike out from the word "by" to the end of the line, and insert "an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six." Strike out the word "such" in the ninth line of the first page and insert the word "which." At the end of the first enacting clause insert, "as also the issue of such slave or slaves, born after the removal of the said testator or intestate." Strike out from the word "infant" in the sixteenth line of the second page to the word "to" in the last line of the same page, and insert "if a male, at any time within one year after his arriving to the age of twenty-one years, or if a female, at any time within one year after her arriving to the age of sixteen years." At the end of the bill add, "as also the issue of such slave or slaves, born after the removal of the said testator or intestate."

Which were read.

The bill authorising Henry Stevenson, collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1797: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 9, 1797: Read the second time and will not pass. A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The resolution in favour of Conrod Whiteman, and the following message: A. VAN-HORN, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1797.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to your message which accompanied the resolution respecting the claim of Conrod Whiteman, the senate have thought it due to themselves to assure you, that all cases which are brought before them are faithfully attended to, and maturely considered. They have therefore adopted, as a general rule, that they will reconsider no subject upon which they have once deliberately acted, unless fresh matter shall be introduced with which they were previously unacquainted. They submit it to the good sense of your house to determine, how far it can comport with the character of the respective branches of the legislature, or with the just dispatch of public business, to be employed in the interchange of messages upon cases which have already received the judgment of either house, upon facts and principles which remain unaltered. The reconsideration of the claim in question could be the less necessary, as it might have been observed by your house, that the matter of it has been the subject of discussions frequently repeated in the legislature. The senate have therefore declined to reconsider the resolution.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which were read.

The resolution for investing the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars in the bank of Baltimore was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said resolution? "Provided always, that the treasurer shall at all times retain in the treasury a sum of money at least amounting to ten thousand dollars, after the payment of the first subscription in February next." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolution? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Leigh,	Bourne,	Hyland,	Wallace,	Rackliff,	Young,
Angier,	Merryman,	Jones,	Miller,	Gift,	Potter,
Page,	Carroll,	Dashiell,	J. Brown,	Montgomery,	Smith,
Comegys,	Worthington,	Polk,	C. Frazier,	Jarrett,	Dorsey,
Parker,	E. Brown,	Pattison,	Corbin,	M'Comas,	Kerfner,
Emerson,	Sherwood,	Goldsbrough,	Wilson,	Bond,	C. Beall,
Taney,	Hatwood,	Hollingsworth,	Robins,	Bennett,	J. Buchanan. 42.
		N E G A T I V E.			
	Brome,	S. Frazier,	Quynn,	Bruce,	R. Magruder,
	Chapman,	Craig,	Key,	Mitchell,	Clarke,
	Parnham,	Matthews,	Nicholson,	Riley,	A. Beall,
	T. Buchanan,	Addison,	Warfield,	Swales,	Tomlinson,
	Martin,	Duckett,	Thomas, Fred.	P. Magruder,	Rice. 33.
	Kerr,	Calvert,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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