Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

On motion, ORDERED, That the act for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state therein mentioned, with the several endorsements thereon, which passed this house at the present session, and which was negatived in the senate, be printed with the votes and proceedings of this session, for the consideration of the people.

The house adjourns till half past 4 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

THE house met.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The engrossed bill No. 114 was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of congress, endorsed; "By the senate, January 10, 1803: Read the first and second time and assented to with the proposed amendments.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Which amendments were read the first and second time and assented to.

And the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, January 10, 1803: Read "the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following letter:

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN,

PREVIOUS to the signature of the laws I am anxious to address some observations verbally to the collected members of both houses.

With high consideration, I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

JOHN F. MERCER.

To the honourable the president of the senate, and the honourable the speaker of the house of delegates.

Which was read.

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN,

WE herewith transmit to your consideration a message from his excellency the governor. We have agreed, and with the concurrence of your house propose, to receive any verbal communication the governor may be pleased to communicate, in the senate chamber, and propose that Mr. Christie and Mr. Johnson, on the part of the senate, be appointed to join any gentlemen you may nominate to wait on his excellency the governor, and inform him that the two houses are now ready to receive any information he may be pleased to submit to them.

By order, J. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared was read.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 10, 1803.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE accede to your proposition to receive any verbal communications the governor may be pleased to make to the legislature, and have appointed Mr. Goldsborough and Mr. Van-Horn to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to inform his excellency that the houses are now ready to receive such communications.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

On the second reading of the said message, the question was put, That the house agree thereto? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messieurs W. Neale,	Blake,	M'Pherson,	Keene,	Thompson,	Orrell,	Tilghman,	
Frisby,	Grahame,	Lloyd,	Steele,	Quinton,	Hardcastle,	T. Davis,	
Dorsey,	Somervell,	Rose,	Van-Horn,	Purnell,	Dickson,	Selby,	
Harwood,	Bourne,	Cottman,	Carr,	Kemp,	Kershner,	Simkins,	
Hall,	Jones,	Goldsborough,	Quynn,	Lytle,	Smith,	Tomlinson.	36

NEGATIVE.

Messrs Angier,	Stansbury,	S. Frazier,	Veazey,	Ridgely,	Hawkins,	E. Davis,	
Hatcheson,	Love,	Sheredine,	Wood,	Wilson,	Forwood,	Swearingen.	17.
Moore,	Dashiell,	Miller,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Johnson