

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

United States ; which amendment was receded from, and sent with the following message, to the house of delegates.

BY THE SENATE, January 17, 1817.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have receded from the amendment made to the bill which originated in your house, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of an agent to settle the claims of this state with the government of the United States, because the interest of the state requires that an agent should be appointed without delay. The senate, without admitting the construction as implied in your message, wave for the present all observation on that question.

By order,

R. HARWOOD, Clk.

The resolution in favour of the printer to the state, was read the second time and dissented from :

The joint committee to whom was referred the representation of the register of the land office, relative to the propriety and advantage of directing the making and completing an index of the names of all tracts of land surveyed or patented, as well for the time past as for the future, report—that they have examined a specimen of the work already completed by the register, and find it to be executed upon a good plan, and when completed, the committee are of opinion that it will afford the greatest facility for the investigation of land titles in this state, and that without it their may many cases occur in which it will be impossible to have the history of land titles, although all the ordinary and regular monuments of the title may be recorded in the office. There is already in the office an index of all tracts of land in the name of the taker up of the land, but no index of the names of the laiff; so that if the name of the taker up happens not to be known, the history of the title cannot be traced. The proposed index will supply this deficiency, and always ensure the ready examination of the title of any land, the taker up, or the name of which is known. The committee therefore respectfully submit it, as their opinion, that a law should be passed authorising and requiring such an index to be made up to the present time, and continued for the future.

The committee are of opinion that it would be difficult to fix the compensation for making up the index for the past, and think on this subject, it would be advisable to refer the compensation of this part of the work to the governor and council; but that for grants or surveys of land the expense of making the index should be compensated by a small additional fee, to be paid by the party taking up the land and receiving the patent. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order,

T. J. BRICE, Clk.

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolutions :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 17, 1817.

Resolved, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed, to pay to James Davidson, late a private in the revolutionary war, or to his order, annually, in quarterly payments a sum of money equal to the half pay of a private, as a further remuneration to him for military services.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 17, 1817.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required, to investigate the claim of William H. Marriott for military services during the late war, and allow him such compensation as they in their wisdom may deem reasonable, right and just.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 18, 1817.

Resolved, That the printer to the state shall be allowed fourteen hundred dollars, as a compensation for his services as printer aforesaid, annually, in quarterly payments, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, Clk.

Which was read the first and second time and dissented from.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 18, 1817.

The senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Winder from the committee appointed to consider and report on the resolution of the house of delegates, granting 5000 dollars a year for six years, to the hospital, report—That at November session 1797 the assembly, contemplating the advantages of a common state hospital, and understanding that numbers of charitably disposed persons were willing to contribute largely towards such an object to be established in the vicinity of Baltimore, directed the treasurer of the state to pay to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, 8000 dollars, to be applied to such an establishment, upon bond and security being given for the faithful application of the money. No powers were vested in any person or body to execute the objects of this appropriation, other than as the mayor of Baltimore may be supposed to have been clothed with such power as incident to his right to receive the money, and no provision was made for the future government, direction and care of the institution. On the 18th May 1798, the city of Baltimore purchased of Jeremiah Yellott the lot of ground on which the hospital now stands, and the deed, after reciting the above mentioned appropriation by the state, proceeds to grant the lot to the mayor and city council of Baltimore in absolute property. Some short time after, a house was built on the lot, but the ordinances of the city of Baltimore are silent as to the subject, and afford no light how any additional funds were raised, nor do they provide any system of government for the institution, or in any manner that the committee are aware of, for the application of the building to the purposes contemplated by the legislature in making the above appropriation. The committee are informed however, that an additional sum of 17000 dollars was added to the appropriation of the state, partly by private donation, but principally by the corporation of the city of Baltimore. Your committee are led to believe, that no precise or definite system for the government of the institution was adopted or practised.