

The act for founding a college at Chester, which passed the session preceding the last, will reflect for ever a lustre on its proceedings; and it is with the greatest pleasure we observe, that such has been the zeal of the Eastern Shore for the advancement of learning, that the sum of five thousand pounds, which the act required, and allowed to be raised in five years, has been nearly doubled in less than one year. Nothing can be a stronger proof of the happy influence of public encouragement, and we trust that the general assembly will think this college deserving of their further attention and favours, and will extend their views to the establishing and encouraging other seminaries of learning in this state.

We have the honour to be, with sentiments of high respect and attachment, gentlemen, your most obedient humble servants,

WILLIAM PAGA.

The honourable the General Assembly.

Which were severally read.

Messieurs M'Mechen and Fell, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 7, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

FOR the dispatch of public business, this house hath appointed to sit, during this session, from nine o'clock in the morning till one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three o'clock in the afternoon till six.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, C.

Which was read.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; after qualifying as directed by the article of the form of government, took his seat.

James Maccubbin having resigned the clerkship of the senate, Joshua Dorsey was appointed and qualified to act in his stead.

The president lays before the senate a letter from William Hemsley, Esq; resigning his seat as a delegate of congress; also sundry letters from the delegates of congress; also the journals of congress for the year 1781, and from the first Monday in November 1782 to the first Monday in November 1783.

The letter of resignation from William Hemsley, Esq; was read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, May 8, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president lays before the senate a petition from Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of the last will of Elie Vallette, setting forth, that the personal estate of the said Elie Vallette was not sufficient to discharge his debts, and praying that his real estate may be disposed of for that purpose—a petition from Thomas Russell, setting forth, that his brother William Russell, of Great-Britain, was excepted out of the confiscation act, and on his behalf praying relief—and a petition from William Augustine Washington and Thomas Russell, praying that the sale of certain property may be postponed—which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Henry, Esq;

The president lays before the senate a petition from Edward Johnson, guardian of Jonathan Plowman, praying for a power to lease the unimproved lots in Baltimore-town, the property of the said Jonathan Plowman; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The letters and papers from the superintendent of the finances, provisional treaty between Great-Britain and America, the letters from the secretary of foreign affairs, proclamation of congress, the general cessation of hostilities, letters from Matthew Ridley and the house of Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst letters from William Jackson, assistant secretary at war, and the letter from William Hemsley, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

The petition of Edward Johnson, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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