

RESOLVED, That commissioners be appointed to examine the lower road from Baltimore-town to the Susquehanna, for the purpose of straitening and amending the same, and to report thereon.

RESOLVED, That Samuel Griffith and William Smith (Bay-side), be commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and that their reasonable expences be defrayed by the public.

RESOLVED, That commissioners be appointed to view and report their opinion, of opening, clearing, and making navigable, the river Pocomoke, as far as the line of this state, and the probable expence thereof, and to employ proper and experienced persons to make an accurate survey thereof.

RESOLVED, That Samuel Handy, John Postly, and Henry Bell, or any two of them, be commissioners for the purpose aforesaid, and that their reasonable expences be defrayed by the public.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council appoint two gentlemen to examine and report their opinion, of opening, clearing, and making navigable, the river Patowmack, from the mouth of the Eastern Branch to the line of this state; the time the work would take, and the expences; and compute the expence of making the said river navigable at each Fall; and that the reasonable expences of the gentlemen appointed be paid.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read and assented to.

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 31, 1783.

Whereas William Read, by his humble petition to this general assembly, has set forth, that by virtue of a special warrant, and also a special order from Robert Eden, Esquire, then governor of Maryland, directed to the surveyor of Queen-Anne's county, he had surveyed four hundred and twenty-nine acres of land, called Wright's Square corrected, lying in the reserve of Queen-Anne's county manor, and had returned a certificate for the same, and had also paid the caution money thereon; which said warrant and order were issued, and the said certificate was returned before the late act of assembly respecting reserved lands; and praying that the register of the land-office might be directed to issue a patent on the said certificate; and the facts set forth in the said petition appearing to this house to be true; therefore RESOLVED, That the register of the land-office do, and he is hereby directed to make out a patent to the said William Read, on the certificate aforesaid, agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution respecting registers of the land-office for the western and eastern shore, was read and assented to.

The engrossed bills No. 24 and 25, were read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, with the paper bills thereof, the above resolution, and the following message, by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MAY 31, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE think it expedient that effectual measures be adopted for the immediate payment of the principal due to Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, for loans made by Mr. Ridley in behalf of this state; that a strict attention to the resolutions of the last session upon this subject, should be again, by the governor and council, pressed upon that gentleman, especially that part of them which relates to refunding the money that may be in his hands. The contract appears to us extremely disadvantageous, and should be as speedily satisfied as the nature and true construction of the engagement will admit.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Messieurs Shriver and Beatty, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 26, 27, 28, and 29, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read and assented to."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the paper bills No. 24 and 25, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 31, 1783.

RESOLVED, That the intendant of the revenue be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, out of the first monies that come into his hands from the sale of tobacco, or from any other fund not particularly appropriated to the use of the army, to lodge in the treasury a sum sufficient to defray the interest of money, according to the act of assembly for raising the supplies for the current year; and also to defray the arrearages due to the civil list.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read and assented to.

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