

The Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county should be built, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill to empower the justices of Dorchester county to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of the said county, for the purpose of erecting a poor-house for the relief of the poor of the said county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill for the relief of the christian society of people called Nicolites or New Quakers, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and, with the above bills, sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

Amendments proposed. In the ninth line, strike out the words "the members of." In the tenth line, strike out from the word "quakers" to the word "successors" inclusive in the twelfth line.

Messieurs Keene and Grahame, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the address to his Excellency general Washington, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES DECEMBER 20, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose that the address to his Excellency general Washington should be signed by the president and speaker of the two houses, and presented by some members of both houses. We have appointed Messieurs Ware, Wootton, and Hindman, to join any member or members of your house you may think proper to nominate for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1783.

RESOLVED, That a public entertainment be provided for his Excellency general Washington, and that the governor be requested to give directions for the same, and that the public will defray the expence thereof.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read and assented to.

The bill to appoint a trustee in the place of William Wilkinson, who is dead, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, was read the second time and will not pass.

The president lays before the senate a letter from his Excellency the Governor, respecting some books, the property of Robert Smith; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and with the above resolution and bills, and the following message, sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 20, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that the address to his Excellency General Washington be signed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates. We have appointed John Henry and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton; Esquires, to join the gentlemen nominated by your house, to present the said address.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The bill laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes, was committed for amendments, and John Henry, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Smith, Esquires, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 22, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The president lays before the senate a petition from sundry inhabitants of South river, in Anne-Arundel county, praying that a warehouse may be erected at the Land of Ease; a petition from Robert Wood, praying to be released from Frederick county gaol; and a petition from the trustees of the poor of Frederick county, praying that they may have an order on the collector of Frederick county for a sum of money to repair the poor-house; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

John Henry, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the following answer from his Excellency General Washington, to the address presented him.

GENTLEMEN,

I FEEL myself particularly happy in receiving the approbation of the general assembly of Maryland, for those services which my country had a right to demand, and which it was my duty