

William, of our house, to join the gentlemen of your house to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners in transacting the business to be entrusted to them; and Thomas Johnson, Thomas Sim Lee, John Dent, Samuel Chase, Richard Potts, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, are put in nomination to be balloted for by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Downes, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

Whereas John Johnson hath petitioned this general assembly, setting forth, that he was early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, employed as an assistant surgeon to Dr. Tootell, then surgeon to the matrosses stationed at the city of Annapolis; that in the latter end of August following, Dr. Tootell removed to Harford county, and that at the request of the governor and council he acted as surgeon to the matrosses, the galley-men, and occasionally the troops of the continental army, who at any time happened to be left sick at Annapolis, of which there were constantly some; that he continued to act in that station until the year seventeen hundred and eighty, when the galleys were sold, the officers and men discharged, and the matrosses having previously marched to join the continental army, or been discharged, his services were deemed no longer necessary; that for his services he was paid in depreciated continental money; and praying that the auditor-general might be directed to liquidate his accounts, and grant him a certificate for the depreciation of his pay, in the same mode that others have received it; and the several facts appearing to this general assembly to be true: Therefore, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be and is hereby directed to adjust and settle the account of Dr. John Johnson, for the depreciation of his pay, and when the same shall be approved by the intendant, that he receive a certificate for the amount thereof.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Gantt, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to vest a legacy to the use of the presbyterian church near Bladensburg in Prince George's county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Harris, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the second time by especial order with the proposed amendment and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendment proposed. "Provided always, that such exemption from taxation shall extend to such works only as relate merely to, and are necessary for, the navigation of said canal."

Amendment agreed to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Grahame, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the first and second time and assented to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate a petition and memorial from Robert Smith, on behalf of the representatives of the late Sir Robert Eden, respecting certain confiscated British property; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Bond, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

RESOLVED, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and directed to settle any pay and rations that may be due to Nathaniel Smith, as an officer of the Maryland artillery, agreeable to a resolution passed December 12, 1778; and also that he allow him such reasonable compensation and pay for his services as commissary of prisoners, as is usual in like cases, and that the same be charged to the United States.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Fraizer, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to appoint an intendant of the revenue, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 14, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 15, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

On motion, Whereas at a session of the general assembly in April seventeen hundred and eighty-three, a protest was made by Charles Carroll, Esq; upon the bill, entitled, An act concerning the admission and qualification of attorneys and solicitors being agreed to in the senate, and Thomas Stone then gave notice that he would offer to the senate an answer to the said protest if the protest was received; but being called from the senate by his necessary and lawful