

46 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, April, 1787.

the senate. John Hall, Esquire, qualified in the presence of the senate before Robert Couden, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace for Anne-Arundel county, by taking the several oaths directed by the constitution and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, April 17, 1787.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president lays before the senate a representation from the auditor-general, respecting the manner of settling the allowance of the delegates to congress, and also a charge of commission made by Messieurs Willing and Co. on the several payments to the said delegates; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 18, 1787.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except John Hall, Esquire. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

John Davidson, Esquire, from the council, delivers to the president a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing an act of that body for reducing the expenditures of congress; a letter from the governor of New-Hampshire, enclosing an act of said state for the appointment of deputies to meet in convention at Philadelphia; a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing a state of the representation in congress for the months of December, January and February last; the copy of an order of the council of Virginia, respecting the collection of duties in consequence of the compact between this state and Virginia; a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing an act of that body respecting the revision of the federal constitution; a letter from the board of treasury, enclosing a particular statement of the contingent expenditures of the United States, from the first day of January to the last day of December, 1786; a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing their journals for 1786; and also a letter from the governor of North-Carolina, enclosing an act of said state, respecting the appointment of deputies to meet in convention at Philadelphia; which were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Henry, Esquire.

Mr. Dent, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APRIL 18, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three until six o'clock in the evening, for its sitting every day this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The president lays before the senate a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying for the establishment of an insurance fire-company; and also a representation from Frederick Green, printer to the state, respecting the edition of certain laws, and a compensation for the same; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by George Gale, Esquire.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, April 19, 1787.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. John Hall, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The president lays before the senate a petition from George Mason, William Mason and Robert Lawson, citizens of the state of Virginia, respecting the removal of slaves from said state to Maryland; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

The president lays before the senate a petition from the innkeepers of Baltimore-town, praying for the repeal of a certain act of assembly so far as it relates to the duty on tavern licences; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APRIL 19, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IT is our earnest desire that the public business of this session should be dispatched with all possible expedition. Two great objects demand the legislative attention; the raising of supplies for congress and this government, and the relieving of our people with respect to their difficulties and distresses,