

of the federal government; a letter from the secretary of congress, informing his excellency the governor of the representation of congress, and the appointment of Cyrus Griffin president; a letter from the secretary of congress, transmitting the representation in congress from 21st January to the end of February; a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing a representation of congress for March and April; two letters from Benjamin Contee, Esquire, upon the subject of the arbitration between this state and the Messieurs Vanstaphorsts; a letter from the same gentleman, enclosing papers relating to Forrest's and Stoddert's contract with the board of treasury; and a letter from John Fitch, upon the subject of steam boats; which were severally read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 15, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from nine 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 letters and papers delivered by John Kilty, Esquire, except the letter and enclosure from the honourable George Plater, Esquire, were sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

The president lays before the senate a petition from the merchants of Baltimore-town, praying the appointment of a proper person to inspect, cull, measure and mark, timber, plank and scantling, for exportation; also a petition from a number of subscribers, recommending James Biays as a proper person for the same; and also a petition from Richard Sansbury, setting forth, that he served as a soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, and praying a settlement of his account; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

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

F R I D A Y, May 16, 1788.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The same members appeared as in the morning, except the honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, who is indisposed. The members present adjourn till to-morrow morning.

S A T U R D A Y, May 17, 1788.

THE same members appeared as on yesterday afternoon. The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 17, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IN consequence of a resolution passed last session, the delegates of this state in congress have transmitted to the general assembly sundry papers relative to the issuing 54642 $\frac{2}{3}$ ths continental state dollars from the continental loan-office of this state. We submit to your honours the propriety of referring the same to the consideration of a committee composed of members from the two houses. If your honours should concur in this measure, we will immediately go into the appointment of gentlemen for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to record a deed from John Hall to Henry Stauffer, and one other deed from Henry Stauffer to James Campbell, of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 17, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The honourable John Hall, Esquire, appeared in the senate.

Mr. Thomas, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Elizabeth Wathen, of Saint Mary's county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 17, 1788: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr.