

and form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, took his seat.

Mr. Purnell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to revive and make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Worcester parish, in Worcester county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 21, 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.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Richard Potts, Esquire, declining to accept a seat in the senate; which was read.

Mr. Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 21, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 21, 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.

Mr. Leconte, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to vest the free-school property in Dorchester county, in the trustees of the poor of said 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 21, 1788: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Worcester parish, in Worcester county, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met. The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, president, has leave of absence, to take place on Saturday next.

The following message was read and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, MAY 21, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE send you an engrossed copy of the present form of government for the United States, with an annexed duplicate of the ratification of it by the late convention of this state, transmitted to this house by the executive. The convention have not directed in what manner it should be preserved. We think some provision necessary, and therefore send you a resolution, which, if agreed to by your house, will, we apprehend, be sufficient for that purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The following resolution was read, assented to, and with the above message, and the letter from the honourable George Plater, Esquire, president of the late convention, with the enclosure, and the engrossed copy of the proposed federal government, and an annexed ratification by the late convention, and the bill, entitled, An act to revive and make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Worcester parish, in Worcester county, was sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, MAY 21, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the executive be requested to take charge of and preserve the engrossed copy of the form of government proposed for the United States, with an annexed duplicate of the ratification of it by the late convention of this state.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate, according to the act, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, proceeded to the appointment of a committee; the ballot-box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Hemsley and William Perry, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Hemsley and William Perry, Esquires, are duly elected a committee, according to the said act.

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

T H U R S D A Y, May 22, 1788.

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

William Perry, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several counties in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate a letter from the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, resigning the appointment of commissioner for building a new prison in Anne-Arundel county; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr.