

money for the purposes therein mentioned, the bill, entitled, An act to enable Legh Master, of Frederick county, to devise certain estates therein mentioned, together with the statement of the fees from the register in chancery, received by him for taxes on the several proceedings in the chancery-office by virtue of an act of assembly passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two, were all sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates brings in and delivers the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1794.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto William Francis Lewis, or order, the sum of sixty dollars, as a compensation for his services.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1794.

Whereas the existing laws of this state are, from a variety of causes, confused, uncertain and contradictory: And whereas a proper and able revision of the same might greatly tend to the security and preservation of the lives, liberties and property, of the good people of this state: And whereas it is a badge and monument of former dependence that British statutes should be cited in our courts of justice, which conveys, at the same time, the false and disgraceful idea that the citizens of Maryland are not competent to legislate for themselves; therefore, RESOLVED, That the five following gentlemen, to wit: Philip B. Key, Samuel Chase, William Pinkney, Luther Martin and Alexander C. Hanson, be appointed to revise the existing laws of this state, and report to the next general assembly what acts of assembly or British statutes are now in force; and that in constructing and executing the said report, they observe the following directions: 1st. They are required to compile, digest and consolidate, into one bill, all acts of assembly and British statutes, or all such part or parts of such acts and statutes, as are now in force in this state, which relate to the same subject, and which may, with propriety, be reduced under one general title. 2d. In these general bills, such statutes and acts of assembly, or such part or parts of such statutes and acts of assembly, shall be arranged in the order, and with marginal entries of the time and reign, in which they were respectively enacted. 3d. In reporting the British statutes, they shall not use or adopt the enacting style of such statutes, but shall substitute in its place that which is provided for acts of assembly by the 57th section of the constitution and form of government of this state.

RESOLVED, That the legislature will guaranty to the said Philip B. Key, Samuel Chase, William Pinkney, Luther Martin and Alexander C. Hanson, a liberal compensation for their time and services devoted to the purposes contemplated by these resolutions.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1794.

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Tice, George Burkhart and Benjamin Musgrove, securities to the state of Maryland for Adam Fisher, late of Frederick county, deceased, be released from the interest due on the balance for which they are securities, and that they be allowed until the first day of October next to pay the principal sum due to the state, and the costs of suit which have accrued against them in the general court.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And a bill, entitled, An act to extend the time for the collection of the county taxes of St. Mary's county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1794: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said resolutions and bill were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the house of delegates brings in and delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1794.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THIS day being fixed for the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, we propose to proceed to the appointment immediately, and have appointed Robert Gale and Charles Ridgely, of William, to join the members who may be appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. The following gentlemen, to wit: John Henry, William Winder, James Lloyd and Robert Wright, are put in nomination by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer thereto, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 16, 1794.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to go immediately into the election of a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, as proposed by your message of this day, and have appointed Robert Smith and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to examine the ballot boxes. No gentleman is put in nomination by this house in addition to the gentlemen mentioned in your message.

By order,

N. PINKNEY, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates brings in and delivers the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1794.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

SINCE our nomination of this morning, we are informed, by letter from Mr. William Winder, that he is unwilling his name should continue in nomination as a senator to the United States, and requests