

VIRGINIA,

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, December 9, 1777.

RESOLVED, That three commissioners be, by joint ballot with the senate, appointed on behalf of this commonwealth to meet commissioners to be appointed by the state of Maryland, and with them to consider of the most proper means to adjust and confirm the rights of each to the use and navigation of, and jurisdiction over, the bay of Chesapeake, and the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, in order to prevent any difference on those subjects, which may interrupt that desirable harmony between the two countries, which is equally the interest of both to cultivate, and that the commissioners of the commonwealth report their proceedings to the general assembly.

ARCHIBALD CARY, speaker s.
G. WYTHE, speaker h. d.

The said message and resolve were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners from this state to meet at Fredericksburg, on the 15th day of January next, be entitled to the same allowance as the delegates to congress.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, of the 15th instant, enclosing a resolution of congress of the 9th instant, which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records, which was read a first and second time by an especial order and will pass, so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. Contee.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, together with the resolve ascertaining the allowance to the commissioners therein mentioned, by Mr. Deye and Mr. Alexander.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are desirous that the commissioners appointed to meet at Fredericksburg should be immediately informed thereof by a joint letter from the president of your house and the speaker of this, and should your honours concur with the resolve herewith sent, the commissioners may be acquainted therewith.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing message, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1777: Read, and the proposition therein assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill No. 13, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Also the paper bills No. 14, 15, 16, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And the paper bills No. 17, 18, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Mr. Brice from the committee appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session.

YOUR committee report, That they have examined the acts of assembly, and find that no acts will expire this session.

Signed by order,

EDWARD FOX, cl. com.

Which was read.

The resolutions of this house on the report from the committee of the whole on the articles of confederation, &c. sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Kent and Mr. Brice.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, and the question being put on the said amendments, passed in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Read,
Lethrbury,
Maxwell,
J. Hall,
Hammond,
Worthington,

Tillard,
Fitzhugh,
Somervill,
Chew,
Turner,
M'Pherson,

Forbes,
Maddux,
Strawbridge,
Winder,
Smoot,
Henry,

Ward,
Alexander,
West,
Contee,
Brice,
Quynn,

Benson,
Kent,
Earle,
Edelen,
Young,
A. Hall,

Chafe,
Sprigg,
Burgess,
Williams,
Crabb.

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