

That the money already drawn out of the treasury of the eastern shore during the time of the invasion, be applied towards discharging the claims of the militia, and the balance, if any, to be paid by orders on the treasurer of the said shore.

Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Quynn.

Mr. Earle brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, which was read, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Benson and Mr. Somerville.

Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts. Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, and will pass. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Brice. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of this day ascertaining the allowance to the judges and attorney-general, the resolves of this day sent up by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Quynn, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1777: " Read and assented to.

" By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

The engrossed bill No. 22, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Chase and Mr. Lethbury.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions:

By the S E N A T E, December 22, 1777.

RESOLVED, That Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. be commissioners for this state, to meet the commissioners appointed by the commonwealth of Virginia, for the purpose of settling the navigation of, and jurisdiction over, that part of Chesapeake bay which lies within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke; and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, have full power and authority, on behalf of this state, to adjust and settle the jurisdiction to be exercised by the said states respectively over the said waters and the navigation of the same; their proceedings to be laid before the general assembly of this state, and to be ratified or dissented to by the said assembly.

RESOLVED, That the president and the speaker, by a joint letter to the general assembly of Virginia, or, in their recess, to the governor of that commonwealth, give information, that Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. are appointed commissioners on behalf of this state, for the purpose aforesaid; and that they will meet the commissioners of Virginia, at Alexandria, on Monday the second day of February next, or at any other time or place which may be more convenient to the commissioners of Virginia.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which were read and assented to, so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Read and Mr. Turner.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following instructions:

INSTRUCTIONS to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esquires, appointed commissioners to meet the commissioners of the commonwealth of Virginia, for the purpose of settling the navigation of, and jurisdiction over, that part of the bay of Chesapeake within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke.

THE General Assembly of Maryland, reposing great trust and confidence in your discretion, abilities, and integrity, submit to your wisdom and management the settling the extent of the jurisdiction proper to be exercised by this state and the commonwealth of Virginia, over that part of the bay of Chesapeake lying within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, as also the free navigation in those waters. These are matters of the utmost consequence to the people of both states, and if happily settled in such manner as to give mutual satisfaction, will contribute to keep up and perpetuate that harmony so essential to the interests of neighbouring states.

As it is not intended, that the settlement made between the respective commissioners should be final or binding, till ratified by the general assembly of each state; for your government in conducting this business, we think proper to instruct you in the following particulars:

1. You are to insist, that the commonwealth of Virginia shall expressly relinquish every claim of right to impose tolls on any vessels whatever sailing through the capes of Chesapeake bay to the state of Maryland, or returning from this state through the said capes outward bound; this you are to insist on as a condition *sine qua non*, and if not acquiesced in by the commissioners from the commonwealth of Virginia, you are to break off the conference, and not enter into the discussion of any of the matters herein after mentioned.

2. You are to endeavour to settle the point of jurisdiction over that part of the bay lying within the limits of Virginia in the following manner: That all piracies, crimes, or offences, committed on the said part of the bay by the subjects of this state, or by any other persons not subjects of the commonwealth of Virginia, against the subjects of this state, shall be tried in the court