

42 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

Mr. James Brown Dunn, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 2, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Charles Ridgely, Mr. Norris, Mr. Steret, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Hall, appeared in the house. Mr. M'Mechen has leave of absence. Mr. Seney is excused by the house for absenting himself without leave.

Whereas this general assembly have a high sense of the honour conferred on this state, by the resolution of Congress making Annapolis their temporary place of residence: And whereas, by their resolution of the 21st of October, it is the intention of Congress to erect a federal town at or near George-town, on the Patowmack: Therefore, RESOLVED *unanimously*, That whenever the United States in Congress assembled shall determine on a place within this state for a federal town, the extent of ground and the nature and boundaries of its jurisdiction, that the general assembly will take measure to make their residence in this state as agreeable as in their power.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Polk.

The order of the day relative to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county for a road, and the counter petition of Samuel Worthington thereto, being read, the question was put, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Edward Downes, collector of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, That they are of opinion, the public interest requires that a law should pass to empower the petitioner to collect by distress and sale the arrears due for public and county assessments to the late collector. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to take into consideration the order of the day, relative to the petitions for the removal of the court-house of Montgomery county, and the counter petitions thereto, and after hearing counsel on behalf of the petitioners, the question was put, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Edwards appeared as follow:

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

Mc	Key,	Hindman,	Digges,	Quynn,	Shriver,	Keene.
	N. Worthington,	Harris,	Courley,	Beatty,		

N E G A T I V E.

Mc	Somerville,	Grahame,	J. Stevenson	Miller,	Holland,	Hughlett,
	De Butts,	Mackall,	C. Ridgely,	Rowland,	Ogle,	Steret,
	Lethrbury,	Ireland,	Jackson,	Bravard,	Norris,	Swingle,
	W. Stevenson,	Ware,	Polk,	Magruder,	Love,	Oneale,
	Maxwell,	Hanson,	Sulivane,	Sewell,	Wheeler,	Edwards,
	B. Worthington,	Dent,	Job,	Kent,	Hopper,	Wootton.
	Hall,	Ridgely of Wm.				

So it was determined in the negative.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from James M'Henry, Esq; of this day, signifying his acceptance of his appointment as a delegate to congress; a letter from the president of congress, of the 23d of November, informing that he had received an official account, that the definitive treaty between America and Great-Britain was signed on the third day of September last; and a letter, with sundry papers, from the chevalier d'Anmours, consul of France; endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Polk:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 2, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Kent, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Steret, and Mr. Key, a committee to confer with the Chevalier d'Anmours, consul of France, and to consider and report on the papers handed by him or on his behalf to the general