

Whereas sundry of the inhabitants of Harford county did, some time past, petition the general assembly, setting forth, that the election in the said county to ascertain the place for erecting the court-house and prison in the said county was illegal, and praying that the said election might be set aside, which said petitioners were heard at the bar of this house by their council, that sundry summonses did issue from the clerk of this house, and were served by the serjeant at arms, by which means the sum of thirty-two pounds eleven shillings current money is due to the said officers and witnesses for their fees and attendance arising on the said petition: therefore **RESOLVED**, That Messieurs James M'Comas, William Jones, Samuel Durham, William M'Comas, of Daniel, William Bradford, junior, Francis Billinslea, and John Bull, or any one or more of them, on proof being made of their signing the aforesaid petition, be and are hereby ordered to pay the said serjeant at arms, clerk and witnesses, the aforesaid sum of thirty-two pounds eleven shillings, for their fees and attendance on the said petition, and that they apportion the same on the several petitioners.

Mr. Hammond has leave of absence.

The bill respecting theatrical entertainments, was read the second time with the proposed amendment and will pass.

Amendment proposed. "This act to continue and be in force for one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter."

Sent to the senate by Mr. Mackall and Mr. Harwood.

RESOLVED unanimously, That a committee of this house, to consist of seven members, be appointed to join a committee of the senate, to provide a proper house for the reception of his Excellency General Washington.

RESOLVED unanimously, That the said joint committee do prepare and bring in an address to be presented to his Excellency.

RESOLVED unanimously, That Mr. Scott, Mr. Digges, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Hindman, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ware, and Mr. Coursey, be a committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Job.

The additional supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, was read the second time and committed for amendment.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial from the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, That they find the facts set forth therein to be true, and are of opinion the prayer of the memorialists ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That this house will go into the appointment of an auditor-general to-morrow morning.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the advancement of justice; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to judicial proceedings in the general court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions respecting his Excellency General Washington, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1783: Read and unanimously assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 19, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have agreed to your resolutions of this date by Messieurs Quynn and Job, and have nominated, to join the committee of your house, John Henry, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, James M'Henry, William Hindman, and Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Ursley Morton, of Prince-George's county, praying to be vested with an estate for life in certain lands, purchased by her husband Thomas Morton during their marriage, and deeded to sons by a former marriage; a petition from Conrod Foltz, of the glass-house company on Bennett's creek, in Frederick county, praying that this state will advance two thousand dollars, or such a sum as the legislature think proper; and a petition from John Gaver, of Frederick town, praying that his marriage with Margaret Schwartz may be rendered null and void;