

RESOLVED, That so much of the report as relates to the bill of exchange of 6300 livres, and the commission claimed by the said Matthew Ridley, be referred for consideration to the next session of assembly.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the speedy adjustment of sundry purchases of British property, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 18, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the eighth line of the second page, strike out "plausible" and insert "well grounded." In third page, last line, after the word "or," strike out "any" and insert "some." In fourth page and fourth line, after "purchased," strike out "within the intent of this act" and insert "complying with the office terms of Pennsylvania as aforesaid." In the eighth line from the bottom of the fourth page, strike out from the word "and" to the word "court" in the sixth line of same page inclusive. Strike out from the word "that" in the fifth line from the bottom of the fourth page to the word "and" in the third line from the bottom of the same page. Insert the following clause at the end of the bill: "And be it enacted, That the attorney-general shall not charge, or be entitled to, any greater fee than fifteen shillings current money, for any execution or executions issued and returned served, made or satisfied, on any one bond." In the third line of the fifth page, strike out the words "by course and distance, or with improvements," and insert in the following line, between "or" and "improvements," the word "any," and after the word "improvements" insert "thereon erected at the time of purchase." In the sixth line of the same page, strike out from the word "may" to the end of the clause, and insert, "shall make such decree therein as equity and justice may require."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

NOTWITHSTANDING the most diligent attention given by us to the bills sent by your house, it has not been in our power to dispatch them so as to gratify your anxious desire to put an end to the session this evening. We have now six bills before us, four of which have been sent since the time you first proposed to adjourn: Some time is necessary to consider and determine on them. All the engrossed bills were sent us for examination but this morning, and it will take at least two days to examine them properly, and to act upon the bills before us. Under these circumstances we think it cannot be expected, that the assembly will rise before Saturday next.

We are ready to go into the appointment of a president of the council by ballot, and have nominated Richard Ridgely and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a president to the council, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Jeremiah Townly Chase, Esquire, had a majority of votes; whereupon RESOLVED, That Jeremiah Townly Chase, Esquire, be and is hereby declared president of the council.

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

F R I D A Y, January 19, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Turner. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of Simon Nicholls, &c. were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain certificates and plots. ORDERED, That Mr. De Butts, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Joshua Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wallace.

The engrossed bill No. 43, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Gantt.

On motion, RESOLVED, That Matthew Ridley, Esquire, be appointed to attend as agent, on behalf of this state, before the commissioners nominated to hear and determine the matter in dispute between this state and Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of the city of Amsterdam, and that he shall be allowed his reasonable expences for such attendance.

Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Pherson.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the benefit of John Taylor, of Harford county, and Thomas Woolford, of Dorchester county, endorsed; "By the senate, January 17, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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