

settle and adjust as aforesaid any claim of this state, or the said commonwealth, to territory within the limits of the other: And whereas the said William Pinkney is now absent from this state, and the said William Cooke hath notified to this general assembly that he cannot attend to the execution of the above powers, RESOLVED, That Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners on the part of this state, in conjunction with the said Philip Barton Key, for the purposes aforesaid; and the said commissioners are required to report their proceedings, in virtue of their appointment and authority, to the general assembly of this state, at the next session after the same shall have been concluded, for confirmation or rejection."

Which was read and assented to.

The speaker laid before the house a letter of resignation from Mr. David M<sup>c</sup>Mechen; which was read and accepted.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 9, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE propose immediately to proceed to ballot for a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the 3d of March next. John Eager Howard is put in nomination by this house, and we have appointed Mr. James Hopewell and Mr. Allen B. Duckett to join any gentlemen appointed by you to examine the ballots.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Baker, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ratify and make valid the sales of land made by Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, while agent for this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Barroll, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the bill to authorize and empower the justices of the levy court of Kent county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county for the purpose therein mentioned, as amended; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for building a record-office in Baltimore county, and for transcribing and preserving the records of the said county. ORDERED, That Mr. Winchester, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Robins, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE concur with your message, and will proceed immediately to a joint ballot to elect a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States after the third day of March next. No gentleman is nominated by this house for that appointment in addition to John Eager Howard, Esquire. James Hollyday and John Chesley, Esquires, will join the gentlemen named by you in the examination of the ballots.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to ballot for a senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that John Eager Howard, Esquire, was elected.

Whereupon RESOLVED, That John Eager Howard, Esquire, be, and he is hereby declared to be, senator to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain the allowance to members of the general assembly, electors of the senate, and electors of the president and vice-president of the United States; ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Digges and Mr. Montgomery, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Eleanor Davidson, and others, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. Reintzel and Mr. Ridout, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Jones be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill relative to officers fees.

Mr. Harwood, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Tristram Thomas, of Talbot county, report, that having taken the case into consideration, they are of opinion, that inasmuch as the slave mentioned in the said petition was taken out of the state during the infancy of the petitioner, and therefore at a time when he could give no consent, that the petitioner is not, as he apprehends, precluded by the laws of this state from bringing his said slave into this state again; but your committee beg leave to suggest the propriety of passing a general act, declaring the law in all similar cases. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Reintzel, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of George-town, in Montgomery county, praying that an act may pass to correct the boundaries on 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8th streets, of Beatty and Hawkins addition to George-town aforesaid, many of which, owing to the incorrectness of the surveyor in laying out the same, are in various instances wide from where they ought to have been planted, to plant and establish such boundaries as may be down or missing, and