

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the surviving visitors of Cæcil county free-school to fill up the vacancies for visitors in said school; and the bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messrs. Sprigg and Goldsborough, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 25, 1777.

May it please your honour, THIS house have requested the honourable speaker to join with the honourable president of the senate, in a letter to the several gentlemen chosen this day counsellors to the governor, to notify to them their appointment, and request their immediate attendance to qualify.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and assented to, so endorsed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The petition of David Kerr was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Grahame, Esq;

The resolve of the house of delegates of the 10th instant, delivered by Messrs. Veazey and Stevenson, relative to the claims of Virginia, was read the second time, and the following message was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

By the SENATE, November 25, 1777.

Gentlemen,

ON considering the resolve of the 10th inst. relative to the claim of Virginia therein mentioned, and the mode proposed, of communicating to the general assembly of that state, the resolves entered into on the 30th of October, 1776, by the convention of this, we are inclined to think a more eligible course may be pursued of coming to a right understanding of the several matters comprehended in those resolves, so as to prevent, by removing present suspicions, future dissensions between the two states. With this view, we propose, that a joint letter be written by the president and the speaker to the assembly of Virginia, informing that honourable body, that, in the opinion of this assembly, the free navigation and use of the rivers Patowmack and Rocomoke, and of that part of the bay of Chesapeake within the limits of Virginia, together with the jurisdiction, as heretofore respectively exercised by each state, over the rivers and part of the bay aforesaid, ought to be confirmed by the legislature of each, to the people of both states; that the appointment of commissioners for the adjusting of those points to mutual satisfaction and advantage, is conceived to be the most likely method to produce an happy and expeditious settlement thereof; and that therefore this assembly desires commissioners may be appointed by the assembly of each state, who shall respectively report thereto their proceedings and agreement to receive, if approved by the said assemblies, their respective and solemn sanctions. Should the assembly of Virginia close with this proposal, our commissioners may be then chosen, and conserees named, from both houses, to draw up instructions for the regulation of their conduct, in the management of this business.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the surviving visitors of Cæcil county free-school to fill up the vacancies for visitors in said school, was read the second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia; and William Paca, Esq; brings in and delivers the same to the president; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of the poor of Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned, was read the second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, was read the second time and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Esq; barrister.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 26, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messrs. West and H. Wilson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state of the American army, and furnishing them with clothing and other necessaries, thus endorsed; By the house of delegates, November 22, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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