

28 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781.

Messieurs M<sup>c</sup>Mechen and Wilson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, with the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have agreed to all your amendments to the act to regulate the militia, except the amendment to exempt the governor and council, the delegates to congress, the chancellor, and the judges, from militia duty, and your other amendment, to exempt the members of the general assembly from militia and military duty, except in case of invasion of the state.

By our constitution, the governor with the advice of the council may command the militia, and no militia law heretofore passed ever exempted the governor from this service.

Your last amendment but one is also rejected, but if your honours would recede from the others, the passage of the law would not be prevented by this amendment.

We have returned your honours the bill, and hope you will wave your amendments, and assent to the bill as it will stand with the amendments agreed to by this house.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the conferrees, brings in and delivers to the president the following report :

At a meeting of the conference, to consider the propositions in the message from the house of delegates on the land-office bill,

WERE PRESENT,

The honourable CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton, THOMAS STONE, and JOHN SMITH, Esqrs.

Who made choice of the honourable THOMAS STONE, Esq; Chairman.

YOUR conferrees taking into consideration the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands for the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands, beg leave to report as follow :

That the price of fifteen shillings per acre, to be paid by those who take up vacant land, appears to them too high, and that more land will be taken up, and the state derive greater advantages, from fixing the price at seven shillings and six-pence.

Your conferrees have also agreed to add the following proviso to the clause of the amendment respecting lands excluded by the variation of the compass.

“ Provided always, That if the chancellor shall be of opinion, that the land claimed as vacancy was not originally included, and shall order grant for the same, the person claiming under such original patent shall have a right to controvert by trial at law, whether the same land, or any part thereof, was originally included in the certificate on which the original grant did issue, and the opinion of the chancellor shall have no influence on the question before a jury, but the matter shall remain in the same manner as if no determination of the chancellor had been given.”

All which they submit to the honourable senate.

By order,

JOSHUA DORSEY, clk.

Which was read and concurred with.

Messieurs Gibson and Duvall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 17, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, January 19, 1782 : Read and assented to.

“ By order,

F. GREEN, clk.”

Messieurs Jenifer and S. Worthington, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 18, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, January 19, 1782 : Read and assented to.

“ By order,

F. GREEN, clk.”

Sundry letters from the financier and the president of congress, were severally read, and, with the bill, entitled, An act to establish the credit of a bank, which was read the second time and passed, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Messieurs Brogden and Ridgely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 19, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, January 19, 1782 : Read and assented to.

“ By order,

F. GREEN, clk.”

Messieurs Griffith and Tilden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 21, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, January 19, 1782 : Read and assented to.

“ By order,

F. GREEN, clk.”

Messieurs Hindman and Stone, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 20, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, January 19, 1782 : Read and assented to.

“ By order,

F. GREEN, clk.”

Messieurs