

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

Messieurs Winder and Dalhiell, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for building a prison in Somerset county, and for other purposes, endorsed;

“ By the house of delegates, May 23, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

“ By the house of delegates, May 23, 1782: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Quynn and Hawkins, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following letter, directed by the general assembly to Robert Hanson Harrison, Esq; endorsed; “ By the house of delegates, May 23, 1782: Read and assented to.

“ By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

S I R,

Annapolis, May 24, 1782.

YOU are to consider it as the first object of your commission, to impress the members of the legislature and executive of Virginia, with the earnest desire of this state to preserve and improve a strict union between the two governments, founded on our mutual interests and affection.

You are to represent and urge, that the public councils of the two states ought to harmonise, and that a frequent communication of sentiments and a reciprocation of good offices would greatly tend to cement the friendship, which ought to be inviolably preserved between the two republics and their citizens. You will endeavour to impress these sentiments on the minds of those with whom you may converse, during your stay in Virginia.

You are to urge, in the most pressing manner, the legislature or (in their recess) the executive of Virginia, to procure and fit out such marine force, to act in conjunction with ours, and such aid as may be obtained from the commander of the French marine at York, as will be sufficient to capture or destroy the enemy's cruisers now infesting our bay; and you will take with you a copy of the law, entitled, An act for the protection of our bay, &c. and of our letter to the commander of the French marine at York.

You will consult with the legislature or executive of Virginia on future measures to be adopted by the two states, effectually to secure the inhabitants living on the shores of the bay and rivers from the depredations of the enemy's cruisers, and for the protection of the trade within the bay, and (if in the ability of the two states) to afford protection to their foreign trade, within the bay and on our coast, and to consider of proper places within the bay, to be fortified, for the reception and protection of the armed and merchant vessels; and you are to concert with the legislature or executive of Virginia, on the operations of the united marine force of the two states.

You are to request the legislature of Virginia to direct their laws to be transmitted, from time to time, to our executive, and to inform them that the acts of this state shall be duly communicated to theirs.

We are, Sir, with esteem and respect, your obedient servants,—

The honourable ROBERT HANSON HARRISON, Esq;

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Edward Lloyd, Esq;

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

F R I D A Y, May 24, 1782.

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

Messieurs Shriver and Duvall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 24, 1782.

Whereas the ships Cormorant and Oliver Cromwell, two vessels of war belonging to the state of Virginia, have been assessed by the assessor of Baltimore-town, contrary to the spirit and intention of the law for the assessment of all property within this state, and bonds taken for the security and payment of the tax arising on the valuation of the same:

RESOLVED, That the bonds aforesaid, taken for the purpose aforesaid, be, and they are hereby declared, void; and that his Excellency governor Lee be requested to inform his Excellency the governor of Virginia, that the conduct of the assessor of Baltimore-town is not authorized by any law of this state, and that directions will be given to prevent any instance of this sort in future, which may tend to the interruption of that harmony which it is the desire of this state may ever subsist between the two governments.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T