

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782. 37

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 8, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that the address be signed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Charles Carroll, Barrister, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, to join the members named by you to present it to his Excellency the Count de Rochambeau.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to the senate the following answer to the address presented to the count de Rochambeau.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with great gratitude the marks of esteem and friendship that you are so good as to bestow on me and all the French army. If we have been happy enough to co-operate, for the advantage of your country, in the different positions in which we have been with the American army, under the orders of his Excellency General Washington, we have only filled the pure and generous intentions of the king our master towards his allies; but we acknowledge likewise, with the greatest satisfaction, that the state of Maryland, in all the occasions that the army has passed through it, has not only been ever ready to furnish it with all the things belonging both to war and their own daily consumption, but that the French troops have been received with that cordiality, friendship and hospitality, which could only be bestowed upon allies that are both beloved and esteemed. I beg of you, Gentlemen, to receive kindly all the assurances of the eternal gratitude that I and the troops which I have had the honour to command, will entertain of all your favours.

Annapolis, Jan. 8, 1783.

Le Cte. de ROCHAMBEAU.

Which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

Messieurs M^cMechen and Feli, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from Basil Burges of Anne-Arundel county, to Daniel Bowley of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 8, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The senate proceeded to the second reading of the bill for the defence of the state, &c. and not having time to go through the same, the further consideration thereof is postponed until to-morrow morning.

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 9, 1782.

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

The senate proceeded on with the consideration of the bill for the defence of the state from the enemies cruizers. On progression in reading the said bill, the following amendments were severally moved for and agreed to:

At the end of the first clause in the second page, insert "provided that the fitting out of the whole or any part of the force allotted for the defence of the state be left to the discretion of the governor and council."

After the word "four" in the fifteenth line of the third page insert "or during the war."

In the first line of the fifth page strike out the word "purchased" and insert "procured."

In the twelfth line of the eighth page strike out the word "ten" and insert "six."

In the fifteenth page strike out the last clause.

In the seventeenth page strike out the preamble and the whole clause.

Insert at the end of the bill, "And be it enacted, that the duties imposed by this act shall continue for one year, unless the duty of five per cent. shall be granted to congress by the several states, and sooner take place."

The bill was then questioned for its passage, and resolved in the affirmative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; president, honourable John Henry, James M^cHenry, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Richard Barnes, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and William Hindman, Esquires.

The bill, so endorsed, was sent to the house of delegates by James M^cHenry, Esq; Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; gave notice, that he should enter his protest to the above bill.

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