

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1783. 61

bill, entitled, An act to continue the civil causes depending in the general court for the western shore, and other purposes, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 17, 1783: Read the first and 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.

The bill to authorise and empower Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, to dispose of a tract of land called Wells's Invention, for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question being put, That the same do pass? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

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

Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Esq; president, honourable Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Smith, Richard Barnes, William Hindman, and Benedict Edward Hall, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable James M^cHenry, Esq;

Determined in the affirmative, and the bill, so endorsed, sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The bill to continue the civil causes depending in the general court for the western shore, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met, and adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 19, 1783.

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

Messieurs S. Worthington and Ridgely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 7 and 8, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 19, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Messieurs S. Worthington and Fell, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to appoint trustees to take care of the person and property of Joseph Enfor, an idiot, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 17, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 19, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate a petition from Robert Long, praying that the damages in a certain declaration may be trebly enlarged; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the committee appointed to state and report the contract between Matthew Ridley, Esq; and Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee appointed to state and report the contract between Matthew Ridley, Esq; and Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, beg leave to represent to the honourable senate the following state of facts, collected from the resolves of the general assembly, council records, the letters of Matthew Ridley, Esq; and other authentic papers; from all which, and the calculations hereto annexed, the honourable house will be enabled to form a judgment of the said contract, made the thirty-first day of July last, between the said Matthew Ridley, Esq; agent in behalf of this state, on the one part, and Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, merchants of the city of Amsterdam, on the other part. Your committee find, that Matthew Ridley, Esq; was appointed agent for this state by the governor and council, on the twenty-eighth day of March seventeen hundred and eighty-one, in virtue of a resolve originated in the house of delegates the twenty-eighth day of November seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and assented to by the senate on the twenty-second day of December following; that the appointment of the said Matthew Ridley, Esq; was approved and confirmed by a resolve of the legislature, originated in the house of delegates on the ninth day of June seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and assented to on the same day by the senate; from which resolve it appears, that the legislature bound itself to make good and punctually execute any contract which might be made by the said Matthew Ridley, Esq; for the yearly payment of one thousand hogheads of tobacco, or four thousand barrels