

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

“ By the house of delegates, December 1, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

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

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act to continue civil causes depending in the general court for the western shore, and for other purposes, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 2, 1783.

**T**HE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That John Henry, James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, and William Hindman, Esquires, be a committee to report a mode of receiving communications from the intendant of the revenue.

The president lays before the senate a letter from James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, Esq; accepting his appointment of a delegate to congress; which was read.

His Excellency the Governor delivers to the president a letter from the president of congress, notifying the arrival of the definitive treaty, and the ratification of the provisional articles; and a letter from the Chevalier d'Anmours, respecting the method of levying duties, with sundry observations, enclosing his commission and credentials as consul general of France of the middle district; which were read, and sent to the house of delegates, with the above letter, by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

On motion, the following is referred to the consideration of the senate on Friday next:

“ Is it the sense of the senate, that the United States in Congress assembled be vested with a power to prohibit the importation of goods in foreign bottoms, or in vessels which are not owned and navigated by citizens of the United States?”

“ Is it the sense of the senate, that the United States in Congress assembled be vested with the power of prohibiting the importation of goods, the manufacture of any country with which they have not established a commercial treaty?”

The president lays before the senate a letter from his Excellency the Governor, enclosing a letter from Matthew Ridley, Esq; a commission and instructions to Samuel Chase, Esq; and his bond with securities; and also a letter from his Excellency the Governor, enclosing calculations of the expence of making out extracts of grants and certificates of the lands on the eastern shore; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Henry, Esq;

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a report from the commissioners appointed to view the river Susquehanna, and to employ persons to make a survey thereof, with proposals for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of the state to tide water; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The president lays before the senate a letter from Benjamin Ogle, Esq; declining to accept the appointment of a member of the council; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent, with the above report and proposals, by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Messieurs Kent and Polk, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 2, 1783.

Whereas this general assembly have a high sense of the honour conferred on this state, by the resolution of Congress making Annapolis their temporary place of residence: And whereas, by their resolution of the 21st of October, it is the intention of Congress to erect a federal town at or near George-town, on the Patowmack: Therefore, RESOLVED *unanimously*, That whenever the United States in Congress assembled shall determine on a place within this state for a federal town, the extent of ground and the nature and boundaries of its jurisdiction, that the general assembly will take measure to make their residence in this state as agreeable as in their power.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read and unanimously assented to.

Also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES DECEMBER 2, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Hall; Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Kent, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Steret, and Mr. Key, a committee to confer with the Chevalier d'Anmours, consul of France, and to consider and report on the papers handed by him or on his behalf to the general