

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783. 11

general assembly. The subject being of great importance, we wish your honours to appoint one or more of your members to join said committee, by which means the sense of both houses may be more expeditiously collected.

By order,
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. W. HARWOOD, clk.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 3, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The resolution respecting the intention of congress to erect a federal town at or near George town, on Patowmack, with the following message, was sent to the house of delegates by James M^cHenry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 3, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,
WE have appointed George Plater and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named in your message by Messieurs Kent and Polk, to confer with the chevalier d'Anmours, consul of France.

By order,
The president lays before the senate a petition from negro Will, praying that this state will relinquish its right and claim to him, the said negro Will, or postpone the sale of him, the said negro Will, as confiscated property, until the investigation of the facts set forth in the petition; and a petition from Thomas Bailey, praying to be restored to all the privileges and immunities which he lost by not taking the oath of support and fidelity to this state in the time prescribed by law; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill 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 1783, was read the second time, passed, and with the above petitions, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 4, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president lays before the senate a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince-George's, and Anne-Arundel counties, respecting the suit that is commenced against them for a considerable sum of money and tobacco which they advanced for the defence of the river Patuxent, in consequence of assurances from the governor and council; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

James M^cHenry, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act respecting the tonnage of vessels; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

Messieurs Jackson and Dunn, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower Elizabeth Vallette, Thomas Harwood, and William Brogden, executors of the last will and testament of Elie Vallette, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Elie Vallette, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,
"By the house of delegates, December 4, 1783: Read the second time and will pass. W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
"By order,
W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 4, 1783.

Whereas a petition has been presented to this general assembly by negro Will, setting forth, that he is entitled to his freedom, and the general assembly not having sufficient information on the subject, RESOLVED, That the commissioners for the preservation of confiscated British property are hereby directed not to make sale of negro Will, until the further pleasure of the general assembly be known.

Which was read and assented to.

By order,
The supplement to the act for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Miss Catherine Dulaney, was read the second time, passed, and with the above resolution, the bill respecting the tonnage of vessels, and the petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince-

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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