

By a letter from the chevalier d'Anmours, and a certificate from his Excellency the chevalier de la Luzerne, communicated by his Excellency the Governor to the conferees, it appears that some wines imported for the use of his Excellency the French minister's household, have paid duties amounting to £. 16 10. From the certificate above mentioned it also appears, that all articles imported for the use and consumption of the minister of the United States to the court of Versailles, are exempted from all duties; and the conferees conceive, that the same exemptions should be granted to the ministers of France and all foreign ministers; and that the general assembly should request the governor and council to direct the naval officer to repay the duties collected on the wines imported by Messieurs Montbois and Latil, for the use of the minister of France, amounting, as above mentioned, to the sum of £. 16 10.

All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the senate.

Which was read.

Messieurs Jacob and Swingle, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 12, 1783.

Whereas captain Richard Davis hath declared on oath, that he lost his papers, such as vouchers and enlistments, when taken in Fort Washington the 16th of November, 1776: Therefore RESOLVED, That the auditor-general and intendant be authorized to pass the account of captain Davis, in the same manner as if his vouchers had not been lost.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The president lays before the senate a memorial from Richard Chew, praying that he may be empowered to record a deed of bargain and sale executed and duly acknowledged by John Birkhead and Anne his wife, which was neglected to be recorded in due time; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Smith, Esq.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 13, 1783.

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

The president lays before the senate a letter from Thomas Stone, Esq; accepting his delegation to congress; which was read.

Messieurs Quynn and Magruder, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower Edward Dorsey, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Samuel, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 12, 1783:

Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 12, 1783: 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.

The president lays before the senate a memorial from John D. Thompson, praying that the general assembly will explain the intention and spirit of several laws relating to substitutes; a petition from Robert Wood, praying to be relieved from Frederick county gaol; and a petition from Andrew Hull, praying that the act of assembly empowering John Groff to open a road from said Groff's mill to intersect the road leading from Marsh creek to Baltimore-town, may be repealed; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent, with the letter from Thomas Stone, Esq; by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 15, 1783.

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

The president lays before the senate a petition from Benjamin Sylvester, praying that a tract of land, called Malcolm's Farm, may be sold for the payment of the debts of John Malcolm; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On a second reading of the bill respecting theatrical entertainments, it was moved and seconded to strike out in the fifth line the words "and council," and the yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

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

Honourable John Henry, George Plater, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Smith, Richard Barnes, Benedict E. Hall, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

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