

The amendment to the bill respecting theatrical entertainments, was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy on the inhabitants of the said county a sum of money, for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

John Henry, Esq; from the committee appointed to prepare an address to his Excellency general Washington, brings in and delivers to the president the following :

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THE general assembly of Maryland embrace this opportunity of expressing the grateful sense which they and their constituents entertain of your distinguished services; services which, under the smiles of Divine Providence, have secured the peace, liberty and independence of these states: Your retirement to private life, is a full evidence of that true patriotism which induced you to draw your sword in defence of your injured country, and made you persevere to the end of the arduous struggle, in which you have surmounted difficulties, that with prudence less than yours could not have been surmounted. Having by your conduct in the field gloriously terminated the war, you have taught us, by your last circular letter, how to value, how to preserve and to improve that liberty for which we have been contending. We are convinced that public liberty cannot be long preserved, but by wisdom, integrity, and a strict adherence to public justice and public engagements. This justice and these engagements, as far as the influence and example of one state can extend, we are determined to promote and fulfil; and if the powers given to congress by the confederation should be found to be incompetent to the purposes of the union, we doubt not our constituents will readily consent to enlarge them; in expressing these sentiments, and by thus engaging to comply with the dictates of public faith and justice, and to satisfy the just demands of a meritorious army, we make the most acceptable returns for all those cares which you have felt, and all the toils you have undergone, during your command. Permit us, in addressing you for the last time in your public character, to express our warmest wishes, that you may long enjoy the sweets of domestic ease and retirement, and that cordial satisfaction which must arise from a consciousness of having merited and gained the universal love of your countrymen.

General Washington.

Which was read, and, with James Horner's petition and the above bill, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; has leave of absence.

Messieurs Somerville and Harris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1783.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general or his deputy shall not hereafter settle, adjust, or liquidate, any continental certificates for money loaned to congress by any citizen of this state, under or in virtue of the act passed November session 1782, proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment on the terms therein mentioned, until the further order of the general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD. clk,

Which was read and assented to.

The additional Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to unite the free-schools of Saint Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties, and the bill to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county, were read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill for altering the time of holding the courts in Saint Mary's, Charles, Prince-George's, Calvert, and Worcester counties, was read the second time, will not pass, and, with the above resolution and bills, sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

Messieurs Jackson and Grahame, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 13 and 16, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; " By the house of delegates, December 19, 1783: Read and assented to.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act to establish a warehouse for the reception and inspection of tobacco, at Hamburg, on Wiccomico river, in Saint Mary's county, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, December 18, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 19, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

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