

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783. 25

duty to render in defence of it. Having happily attained the object for which we had drawn the sword, I felicitated myself on my approaching return to private life, and I must acknowledge I anticipated an unusual degree of self gratification in that retirement, which you are pleased to consider as an evidence of patriotism.

You have rightly judged, Gentlemen, that public liberty cannot be long preserved without the influence of those public virtues which you have enumerated. May the example you have exhibited, and the disposition you have manifested, prevail extensively, and have the most salutary operation! For I am well assured, it is only by a general adoption of wise and equitable measures, that I can derive any personal satisfaction, or the public any permanent advantages, from the successful issue of the contest.

I am deeply penetrated with the liberal sentiments and wishes contained in your last address to me as a public character; and while I am bidding you a final farewell in that capacity, be assured, Gentlemen, that it will be my study in retirement, not to forfeit the favourable opinion of my fellow citizens.

December.

G. WASHINGTON.

Which was read, and with the above petitions, sent to the house of delegates; by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

John Henry, Esq; from the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the bill laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes, brings in and delivers to the president the same; which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, senior, who is insane, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover-lane in the said town, was read the second time, passed, and, with the above bill, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

Nathaniel Ramsay, Esq; one of the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property, appeared in the senate agreeably to the resolution of the senate, and answered such questions respecting the execution of his trust, as were proposed by the senate.

Messieurs Hawkins and Dent, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned of Joseph Lyon, deceased, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 20, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The president lays before the senate a petition from Thomas Butler, schoolmaster, praying that a house may be prepared in the city of Annapolis for a public school; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and with the above bill sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

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

T U E S D A Y, December 23, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except the honourable Daniel Carroll, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The senate proceeded to the election of a president, in the room of the honourable Daniel Carroll, Esq; who is indisposed; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Richard Barnes, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Richard Barnes, Esq; is duly elected president of the senate.

Richard Barnes, Esq; declined to accept the appointment of president of the senate.

The senate again proceeded to the election of a president; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; is duly elected president of the senate.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Adam Fisher, sheriff of Frederick county, praying that some provision may be made for him upon the release of the debtors in Frederick county gaol; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Messieurs Stevenson and Edwards, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 10, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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