

And, Samuel Chafe, Philip Key, Gustavus Scott, Nicholas Carroll, and Joseph Dashiell, Esquires, of the house of delegates.

The honourable John Smith, Esquire, in the chair.

The conferees adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 14, 1784.

THE conferees met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

THE CONFERREES having taken into consideration the above recommendation, are unanimously of opinion, that the delegates of this state in congress be authorized by law to consent to an alteration in the eighth article of the confederation, and in place of that article to subscribe and ratify the rule recommended by congress in their resolve of the 18th of April, 1783, as part of the confederation.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Mr. Johnson, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 15, 1784.

RESOLVED, That the intendant of the revenue be authorized and directed to pay Samuel Chafe, Esquire, five hundred pounds sterling, for the expences already incurred by him in the two suits in the high court of chancery of Great-Britain, one against the other, by him, respecting the stock in the bank of England belonging to this state, and in compensation for his detention in England for five months in consequence of the said suits, and for his personal services in defending, prosecuting and maintaining, the right of this state to the said bank stock.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Steel, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to invest James Kumbly with an exclusive privilege and benefit of making and selling new invented boats, on a model by him invented, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 27, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 15, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the eastern and north west branches of the river Patowmack, was read the second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "within," in the tenth line of the first page, to the word "Bladensburg" inclusive, in the thirteenth line, and insert, "which obstruct or hinder the free navigation thereof." Strike out the word "hereafter," in the fifteenth line of the same page, and insert "after the first day of April next." Strike out from the word "within," in the eighteenth line of the same page, to the word "Bladensburg" in the nineteenth line inclusive. In the fifth line of the second page, after the word "erected," insert, "so as to obstruct or injure the navigation." Strike out from the word "within" in the seventh line of the second page, to the word "Bladensburg," in the eighth line inclusive. At the end of the bill insert, "And be it enacted, That all weirs and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, upon the water above the town of Bladensburg, so as to obstruct the natural course of the said water, or to cause the said water to overflow any part of the said town of Bladensburg, shall be deemed and taken to be nuisances, and may be abated as such; and any person making, erecting, or fishing, such hedge or weir, after the first day of April next, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid."

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 16, 1784.

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

Mr. Job, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, to William Rogers of Cæcil county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 16, 1784: 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.

And also the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 6, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 16, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Waters,