

Mr. Waters, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 16, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house are desirous to fill up the representation in congress, and propose to go into the appointment of three gentlemen to-morrow at eleven o'clock, in the room of Thomas Johnson, William Smallwood, and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, who have declined to accept of their appointment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Peregrine Fitzhugh and Elizabeth his wife, praying that the said Elizabeth, who is under age, may be enabled to make a certain conveyance; a petition from Richard Ridgely, Daniel Bowley, and Mark Pringle, respecting the establishment of a bank in Baltimore-town; and a petition from Mary Walley, praying that a lot of ground in Baltimore-town may be sold for the benefit of herself and son; which were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack; the bill, entitled, An act to naturalize major-general the marquis de la Fayette, and his heirs male for ever; and the resolution respecting the approbation of Samuel Chase's conduct as agent; with the above petitions, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Corroilton, Esq;

The following messages were prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 16, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to go into the appointment of three delegates to congress at the hour fixed in your message by Mr. Waters, and have appointed William Perry and George Gale, Esquires, to join the gentlemen you may think proper to nominate to examine the ballot boxes. John Henry and Carvill Hall, Esquires, are put in nomination by the senate.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 16, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

THE disadvantages which the trade of the state is subjected to in consequence of the entrance into the Chesapeake bay being without a light-house, induces the senate to propose the establishment of one in that quarter to your serious deliberation; but as the advantages arising from a light house will be shared between Virginia and Maryland, it would appear reasonable that all expences attending the same be proportioned between the two states. The senate therefore beg leave further to suggest for consideration, the propriety of empowering the intendant of the revenue to concert a plan with the state of Virginia, and to lay the same before the general assembly at their next meeting.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The intendant of the revenue delivers to the president sundry papers relating to purchases made of confiscated British property; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain, establish, and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town, was read the second time with the proposed amendment, passed, and, with the above papers, sent to the house of delegates by James M'Henry, Esq;

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "to" in the eighth line to the end of the bill inclusive, and insert, "lay off the public ground at Queen's-town and make a plot of the same, and to take and reduce to writing all evidence and proof to the bounds and location of the said ground, and the same, with the plot by them made, to record among the records of Queen-Anne's county, in perpetual memory of the said bounds and location."

The senate proceeded to the election of a member in the room of William Hemsley, Esq; who declined to accept his appointment in the senate, and after qualifying in the usual mode, as directed by the form of government, the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that James Lloyd, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that James Lloyd, Esq; is duly elected a member of the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from Isaac Dixon to John Dashiell, for part of a tract of land called Dixon's Green, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county, for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will pass.

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

F R I D A Y, December 17, 1784.

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

The president lays before the senate a petition from Thomas Woolford, respecting the collection of certain taxes due to James Woolford, deceased, late sheriff of Dorchester county; and a petition from sundry purchasers of confiscated British property, respecting their purchases; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.