

The president lays before the senate a petition from Job Garretson, respecting his purchase of certain confiscated British property; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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; and 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; with the above petitions, were sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The report from the conferees appointed to report upon the resolution of congress respecting an alteration in the confederation, was read the second time and unanimously concurred with.

The intendant of the revenue delivers to the president a report upon the transactions between Matthew Ridley and Messieurs Vanstaphorfts, with sundry letters and papers:

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE following gentlemen, viz. Luther Martin, William Hindman, Nathaniel Ramsey, John Hoskins Stone, James Lloyd, and Nicholas Rogers, Esquires, are proposed by this house to be balloted for in addition to those put in nomination as delegates to congress by your honours. We have appointed Mr. Key, Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Shaw, to join the members of your house to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The senate proceeded to the election of three delegates to represent this state in congress; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that John Henry, William Hindman, and Luther Martin, Esquires, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that John Henry, William Hindman, and Luther Martin, are duly elected delegates to represent this state in congress.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 18, 1784.

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

Mr. Cramphin, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable Charles Fraizer, of Caroline county, to record a deed from Thomas Nel, for two tracts of land in said county, the one called Edmondson's Purchase, the other called Range, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 18, 1784: Read the second time 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 to naturalize the marquis de la Fayette and his heirs male forever, 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 18, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The president lays before the senate a petition from the justices and sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, respecting the prison of the said county; and a petition from Messieurs Mombos and Latel, respecting the duties on certain damaged wine; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act for underpinning and arching the court-house of Baltimore county, in Baltimore-town, and the extension of Calvert-street, was read the second time with the proposed amendments, passed, and, with the above petitions, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "any" in the 13th line, to the word "Baltimore" in the same line inclusive, and insert, "that the justices of Baltimore county court, or any three or more of them." Strike out from the word "that" in the 16th line, to the word "bind" in the same line inclusive, and insert, "to take a bond in the name of the justices of Baltimore county, with sufficient security, to be approved of by the said court of Baltimore county, from such person or persons, to oblige and bind such person or persons to arch the said court-house." Strike out from the word "to" in the 22d line to the word "same" in the 23d line inclusive, and insert, "that the person or persons bound as aforesaid shall and will repair the same at his or their own proper costs and expence." After the word "arching" in the 24th line insert, "or undertaking and attempting to arch and underpin the court-house as aforesaid." Strike out from the word "who" in the 25th line to the end of the clause, and insert, "shall and will pay to the justices of Baltimore county aforesaid the sum of ten thousand pounds current money