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

## T U E S D A Y, December 21, 1784.

**T**HE same members appeared as on yesterday, except John Henry and Richard Barnes, Esquires.

Aquila Paca, Esq; from the council, delivers to the president a letter from his excellency general Washington to his excellency the governor, and a letter from B. Randolph, enclosing sundry resolutions of the state of Virginia.

Mr. Fraizer, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the delegates of this state in congress to consent to an alteration in the eighth of the articles of the confederation, and in its place to subscribe and ratify another, 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 20, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also a bill, entitled, An act to empower Henrietta Maria Walker and Isaac Walker to sell a lot of ground, and apply the money as therein mentioned, 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 21, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also a bill, entitled, An act for making valid a deed from George Lux, William Lyon, and James Dick, to Thomas J. Burling and James Shaw, endorsed; "By the house of delegates,

"December 17, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Duncan Campbell and James Burney, languishing prisoners in Talbot county gaol; and a bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed from James Rumley to John Carnan, of Cecil county; severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

NO claim was ever made by the agent, or any estimate laid before this house. It appeared to us, that he was detained in England from the first of April to the fifteenth of August last, in consequence of a bill exhibited against him in the high court of chancery of Great Britain by Mr. Russell, one of the trustees, and Messieurs Ewers, and trustees of John Buchanan; and it is apparent that these two suits must have been attended with considerable expence, though we are not informed of the particulars. The personal services of the agent in the conduct of the business merit in our opinion some compensation. We think the sum proposed reasonable, and have communicated the grounds for that opinion. We are not disposed to lavish the public money, and our present circumstances will not permit acts of generosity; but obligations from justice and honour, express or implied, we shall be always ready to acknowledge and discharge. As the general assembly have declared their public approbation of the conduct of the agent, and as he must have incurred considerable expence, not in contemplation or foreseen by the government or the agent, in defending and maintaining the right of this government to the bank stock, we wish him to be reimbursed as soon as possible. If your honours should conceive the sum too much beyond the chance of the commission, we would propose to advance the agent a sum of money, to be accounted for by him, and to be deducted out of the commission when the bank stock is received, allowing only the actual fees and expences to counsel, solicitors, and the officers of the court. The agent will attend the senate, and give every information in his power, and fully explain his conduct, and what he expects from the general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

There not being a sufficient number of members to compose a senate, by the indisposition of John Henry, Esq; the members present adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock

## W E D N E S D A Y, December 22, 1784.

**T**HE same members appeared as on yesterday. Benedict Edward Hall and Samuel Hughes, Esquires, appeared in the senate. The proceedings of Monday and yesterday were read.

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