

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1784. 21

The letter from his excellency general Washington, and the letter from B. Randolph, enclosing sundry resolutions of the house of Virginia, were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

On motion, ORDERED, That the resolution giving Samuel Chase, as agent, five hundred pounds sterling, be taken into consideration on to-morrow, and that Samuel Hughes, Esquire, request the agent to attend the senate at twelve o'clock, to give information respecting his agency.

Mr. Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act directing and empowering the administrators of Frederick Foreman, late of Queen Anne's county, to sell and dispose of part of a tract of land therein mentioned, and to apply the money arising therefrom, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1784: Read the first time" and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, December 22, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the senate do not receive any petitions or memorials after this day during this session.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorize 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; the 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; the bill, entitled, An act for making valid a deed from George Lux, William Lyon, and James Dick, to Thomas J. Barling and James Shaw; the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Duncan Campbell and James Burney, languishing prisoners in Talbot county gaol; and the bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed from James Rumley to John Carnan, of Cecil county; were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate a petition from sundry inhabitants of Harford county, respecting Cranberry Swamp in the said county; which was read, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeably hereto.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE consider the petition for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, and the resolution of the general assembly of Virginia on that subject, to be of great importance, and worthy the immediate consideration of this government, and therefore we wish the senate would appoint some of its members to join the gentlemen nominated by this house, to meet and confer with the commissioners appointed by the state of Virginia, respecting the regulations and provisions under which a company ought to be established for the purpose of carrying into execution a plan for opening the navigation of Patowmack, and a road between the said river and the most convenient western waters. This house have appointed M. Cadwalader, M. Chase, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Digges, Mr. Key, Mr. G. Scott, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, to join such members of the senate as they may please to appoint.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Nicholas Way, Abner Cloud, and Samuel Parson, respecting the cutting a canal through a certain tract of land; a petition from Alexander Catlett, respecting the uncollected part of the tax in Montgomery county, to be collected by Simon Nichols, late collector of said county; and a petition from Charles Beatty, respecting his purchase of lot No. 61, in George-town; which were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act for recording a deed executed by Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, to William Rogers of Cecil county, was read the second time with the proposed amendment and will pass.

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "effectual" in the first line of the second page, and insert, "against the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, and each of them, and their heirs respectively, and against all purchasers of the said land, with notice of the said deed, and all purchasers after the said deed shall be recorded as aforesaid, as if the said deed had been recorded within the time limited by law; but this act shall not be taken or construed to make valid and effectual the said deed against any person or persons, who without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, have fairly and honestly purchased, or before the said deed is recorded, may fairly and honestly purchase the said land in the deed aforesaid mentioned, from the said Samuel Ervin, Mary Ervin, and William Ervin, or either of them, or their or either of their heirs."

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the above petitions and bill, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 22, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the proposition in your message of this day by Mr. Charles Ridgely of William, and have nominated Thomas Stone, Samuel Hughes, and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquires,