

to join the gentlemen appointed by your house to meet and confer with the commissioners of the commonwealth of Virginia, on the important subjects mentioned in that message.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 23, 1784.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Daniel Carroll, Esq; appeared in the senate.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract, 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 23, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act for establishing a new market and building a market house in Baltimore-town, and for regulating of the said market, 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 23, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate a remonstrance from Gabriel Duvall, respecting the commission on that part of confiscated property sold and unbonded for; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to record a deed from James and Blaney Edmondson to Edward Lloyd, Esq; deceased, for a tract of land called Addition, was read the second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.

Amendments proposed. In the seventh line, after the word "did," insert "by deed of." In the eighth line, strike out the word "sell" and insert "sale, make over and convey." At the end of the bill insert, "Saving to every person or persons their several and respective rights, who may have fairly and honestly, without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, purchased the land therein mentioned, or before the said deed is recorded, may fairly and honestly purchase the same."

On a second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to enable Charles Frazer, of Caroline county, to record a deed from Thomas Noel, for two tracts of land in the said county, the one called Edmondson's Purchase, the other called Range, it was moved, That the following amendment be made; which was agreed to.—At the end of the bill insert, "Saving to every person or persons their several and respective rights, who may have fairly and honestly, without any notice or knowledge of the said deed, purchased the lands therein mentioned, or before the said deed is recorded, may fairly and honestly purchase the same."

The bill was then put to its passage with the amendment, will not pass, and, with the above remonstrance and bill, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

Samuel Chase, Esq; the agent respecting the bank stock, appeared in the senate agreeably to the order of the day, and answered such questions as were asked by the senate.

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

F R I D A Y, December 24, 1784.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract; and the bill entitled, An act for establishing a new market and building a market house in Baltimore-town, and for regulating the said market; were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act for establishing a new market and building a market house in Baltimore-town, and for regulating the said market, be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

John Smith, Esq; has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

Mr. Johnston, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower Elijah Merryman to demise the real estate therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, December 24, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Washington county to assess and levy a sum of money from the inhabitants of said county, for the purpose of finishing the building of their court-house and prison, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 22, 1784:

" Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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