

The resolution respecting Lawrence Myers, was read and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act for establishing a new market and building a market-house in Baltimore-town, and for regulating the said market, was read the second time and will not pass, and with the above resolution and representation from the intendant and auditor-general, was sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

THE several matters referred to in this message, are in our judgment of great importance, and demand the immediate and serious attention of the legislature. In order to come to a speedier conclusion on, and a full investigation of, the subjects, we have appointed Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Daniel Carroll, and William Hindman, Esquires, to confer with members of your house on the act of assembly concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state, and on the most eligible plan to be pursued for the recovery of said stock. We also propose that the conferees may take into their consideration the resolutions of the assembly of Virginia, passed the twenty-eighth of June last, and transmitted in governor Harrison's letter of the first of July; that they confer likewise on the proclamation of the United States in congress assembled, issued the fourteenth day of January last, and on the most effectual means for carrying into general and full effect the act of congress for imposing a duty of five per cent. on imported goods; as also on the several acts of that honourable body respecting the appointment of delegates, and on proper and adequate powers to be vested in them for regulating the trade of the United States.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

On a second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to prevent owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract, it was moved, That the following amendments be made; which were agreed to.—Amendments. In the eighth line of the first page, strike out the words "five pounds" and insert "twenty shillings." In the tenth line of the same page strike out "twenty" and insert "ten." In the eleventh line strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty." In the fifteenth line of the same page strike out "five pounds" and insert "twenty shillings." In the sixteenth line strike out "ten" and insert "three." In the seventeenth line strike out "twenty" and insert "ten." In the nineteenth line strike out "fifty" and insert "twenty-five." In the twenty-first line strike out "one hundred" and insert "fifty." In the second page and sixth line, strike out "such slave before him and for." In the seventh line strike out "to appear." In the ninth line strike out "and shall order the slave to be whipt not exceeding thirty-nine lashes." In the fourteenth line strike out "and shall order the slave to be whipt, for the second offence not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, and for the third offence, and any above, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes." At the end of the bill insert, "Provided, that nothing in this act be extended or construed to extend, to prevent any negro or slave from hiring himself on Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, or other usual Holydays, and when the matter or owner does not receive any reward for such hiring in consequence of such permission."

The bill with the amendments was then put to its passage and will not pass.

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

F R I D A Y, December 31, 1784.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president lays before the senate a letter from James Lloyd, Esq; accepting his appointment in the senate.

Mr. Key, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for founding a college on the western shore of this state, and constituting the same, together with Washington college on the eastern shore, into one university, by the name of The University of Maryland, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 30, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

And also the paper bills No. 12 and 13, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 31, 1784: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Love, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Micajah Mitchell, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1784:

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

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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