

" By the house of delegates, January 14, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act to repeal such part of the acts of assembly therein mentioned as authorized Thomas Contee to collect the debts of William Mollison, and William and Robert Mollison, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, January 13, 1785: Read the first time and

" ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 14, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will

" pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

Mr. M'Mechen, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, January 13, 1785:

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

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 14, 1785: 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.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Richard Anderson, Perry Benson and James Buff, respecting the provision made by an act of October session 1778, relating to disabled officers; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The resolution respecting Uriah Forrest, was read and assented to.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and with the above resolution and petition, the resolution respecting Samuel Cate, Esq; and the message allowing five hundred pounds to Samuel Chase, Esq; sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 14, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE propose that four commissioners be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses to meet the commissioners appointed on the part of the commonwealth of Virginia, by the resolution of their general assembly of the 28th day of June 1784, to frame such liberal and equitable regulations touching the jurisdiction and navigation of the waters of Chesapeake bay, and the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, as may be mutually advantageous to the two states, and to make report thereof to the general assembly. Conceiving it will also be proper to name a committee from both houses to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners in transacting the business to be entrusted to them, we have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Daniel Carroll, and George Gale, Esquires, to join such persons as may be named by your house for that purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

SATURDAY, January 15, 1785.

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

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for making the Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

Mr. M'Mechen, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house agree to your several amendments to the bill to regulate auctions, as prevent the sale of real property in Baltimore-town, or within one month thereof, unless at auction, and direct the penalty of the bond to be given to the auctioneer, and the time in which he shall render his account to the commissioners; but we have dissented to your proposed penalty of fifty per cent. per year on money received by the auctioneer, and not paid over as the law requires, because such penalty is excessive, and we propose to make it twenty per cent. per year. The commission allowed in the bill we think not unreasonable, and we wish it to continue three years. We return the bill, and hope your honours will recede from such amendments as this house have disagreed to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree to your message by Samuel Hughes, Esq; respecting the appointment of commissioners from this state to meet the commissioners from Virginia, and will go into the appointment immediately by the joint ballot of both houses; and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Ware, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ridgely of

William,