

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 17, 1785.

On the second reading the letter from Thomas Stone, Esq; respecting the arrest of captain Carberry by a warrant from a committee of congress, of which Mr. Stone was one, **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY**, That this house repose the highest confidence in the integrity, honour, and abilities, of Mr. Stone, and in his attachment and affection to the rights and liberties of the citizens of this state; and that on consideration of all the circumstances of the case, as communicated by Mr. Stone, this house do approve his conduct, and the part he acted as one of the said committee of congress.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorised and directed to settle and adjust the accounts between the state and Hugh Young, and in case of difference in sentiment, that they refer the same to the award and arbitration of three gentlemen, to be appointed by the said governor and council and said Young, and that their award be final.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, was read the second time and will pass.

The resolution respecting John Chever, was read and assented to.

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

T U E S D A Y, January 18, 1785.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the bill, entitled, An act to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church, the resolution respecting John Chever, and the bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list and other expences of civil government, sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the following amendments proposed by you to be added to those already sent you from the senate, to the bill to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church.—In the 6th line of the first page, instead of “ministers of the” say “clergy of the.” In the 11th line of the same page, strike out “being” and insert “are,” and in the 7th line from the bottom of the same page, strike out “William Hanna.” In the 6th line of the 4th page, after the word “clergymen,” insert in the “orders and communion.” In the 10th line of the same page, after the word “children,” add, “and settling them in some useful business or profession.”—But the senate do not agree to your propositions to perpetuate the corporation by election, thinking it most proper in every view, that it should be continued by succession of clergymen of the protestant episcopal church; they will be amply sufficient, competent to the purpose, and the most proper persons to entrust with funds to be applied to the support of the widows and children of the deceased clergymen of the same church. We therefore adhere to our amendment upon this point.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The following message was prepared, and the question being put, That the same be agreed to? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable John Smith, Esq; president, the honourable Thomas Stone, Daniel Carroll, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Hughes, William Perry, and George Gale, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Carried in the affirmative.

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

CONSIDERING the late period of the session at which your bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government, was sent, the number of other bills now lying before us for consideration, and your impatience to rise, we think you might have been satisfied with our dissent, without calling on us to assign reasons for not concurring in a measure, the objections to which are obvious; but, as you desire to know the reasons which influenced our conduct, we shall briefly state them, without any expectation that they will be deemed sufficiently weighty by you to induce a retraction of your opinion. We are by no means satisfied that you judge rightly, in supposing a repeal of the act for the better security of the government will reconcile and attach the nonjurors to our constitution. Lenity, persuasion, and indulgence, in the early stages of a revolution or change of government, sometimes have drawn men to join the majority, who would have for ever been kept separated by compulsion or distinction; but when indulgence and persuasion have been tried in vain, and men, after sufficient time given for consideration, have taken a decided part in a great political revolution, and have