

58 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1784.

Mr. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bills No. 62, 63, 64, 65, and 66, severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 19, 1785. The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government, with the message in answer to the message of the house of delegates respecting the said bill, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Mr. Dent, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president instructions to the commissioners appointed to meet the commissioners of Virginia, respecting the navigation and jurisdiction of part of Chesapeake bay, and the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, with the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1785.

RESOLVED, That Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, be commissioners for this state to meet the commissioners appointed by the commonwealth of Virginia, for the purpose of settling the navigation of, and the jurisdiction over, that part of the bay of Chesapeake which lies within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke; and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, have full power, in behalf of this state, to adjust and settle the jurisdiction to be exercised by the said states respectively, over the said waters and the navigation of the same, their proceedings to be laid before the general assembly of this state, and to be ratified or dissented to by the assembly; and that the said commissioners be directed to govern themselves in the execution of the trust reposed in them by the instructions of the general assembly, of the twenty-second day of December seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and the instructions which shall be given by this assembly.

RESOLVED, That his excellency the governor be requested to inform the general assembly of Virginia, or, in their recess, the governor of that commonwealth, That Thomas Johnson, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chase, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, are appointed commissioners of this state, on behalf of this state, for the purpose aforesaid; and that they will meet the commissioners of Virginia at Alexandria, on Monday the twenty-first day of March next, or at any other time or place which may be more convenient to the commissioners of Virginia.

RESOLVED, That each of the said commissioners be allowed the sum of two pounds five shillings current money per day, for every day he shall attend or be on his journey to discharge his duty as commissioner.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to exercise certain powers therein mentioned; and the bill, entitled, An act to empower James Wignell to sell the real estate of John Ashburner, deceased, for the payment of his debts; were read the second time and will pass.

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 20, 1785.

THE senate met, Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled; An act to enable the governor to exercise certain powers therein mentioned; and the bill, entitled, An act to empower James Wignell to sell the real estate of John Ashburner, deceased, for the payment of his debts; were sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time with the proposed amendments, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esq;

Amendments proposed. In the third page and second line strike out from the word "in" to the end of the clause, and insert "offer to the person applying for a grant to be examined upon oath or interrogatories touching the matters aforesaid, and to examine witnesses respecting the same, in order that it may be discovered, in a summary manner, whether the certificate was, at the time of passing the above recited act, bona fide the property of some citizen of this or some one of the United States, and the consideration was paid as aforesaid; and if the party shall refuse to be examined upon oath or interrogatories, and to have the matter inquired into in a summary manner, then the chancellor may note the same, and give information thereof to the attorney-general, who shall file a bill in chancery against such person for the discovery of the truth of the facts by the regular course of the proceeding in the chancery court; and if it shall appear to the chancellor, either upon examination in a summary way aforesaid, or upon a bill being filed as aforesaid, that the certificate upon which patent shall be applied for, was not bona fide the property of some citizen of this or some of the United States at the time of passing the above recited act, or that the consideration was not paid as aforesaid, in every such case the chancellor shall not order grant to be issued on such certificates, but shall declare the same void and of none effect; and the register of the land-office shall endorse the chancellor's determination on the certificate, and shall make a note thereof in the margin of the record wherein the warrant upon which such certificate was made hath been recorded." Fourth page seventh line, strike out