

amendment, RESOLVED, That John Smith, William Perry, and George Gale, Esquires, be a committee for the same.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, January 7, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The president lays before the senate a letter from James M^cHenry, Esquire, enclosing the following resignation :

Baltimore, 6 January, 1786.

To the honourable the S E N A T E.

MY long absence from my own affairs, and their absolutely demanding my presence, renders it impossible for me to give my attendance in the senate. The senate will be pleased therefore to accept of this my resignation, and to record the same agreeable to usage.

JAMES M^cHENRY. (Seal.)

Which was read.

Gabriel Duval, Esq; from the council, delivers to the president a letter from the governor of Massachusetts, enclosing an act of the legislature of said state, repealing part of an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of navigation and commerce; a letter from Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorsts, enclosing an account for interest due on the loan negotiated by Matthew Ridley; and a letter from the board of treasury, enclosing a general account of receipts and expenditures, from first of November 1784 to the first of November 1785; which were severally read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate proceeded to the election of a member in the room of James M^cHenry, Esq; who has resigned, and after qualifying as directed by the constitution and form of government, the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Daniel Bowley, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Daniel Bowley, Esq; is duly elected a member of the senate.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; has leave of absence.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, January 9, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday, except Samuel Hughes, Esq; The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The letter from the governor of Massachusetts, with the act of the legislature of said state; the letter from Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorsts, with the account of interest; the letter from the board of treasury, with the general account; and the memorial of John Bullen; were sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

The senate proceeded to the election of a door-keeper, in the room of Jonathan Parker, deceased; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof it appeared, that Edward Roberts had every vote. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Edward Roberts is duly elected door-keeper of the senate.

Mr. Bracco, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to erect a town in Talbot county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 6, 1786: " Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 9, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the vestry of Stepney parish, in Somerset and Worcester counties, to settle and pay the debts of the parish, and for other purposes, endorsed; " By the " house of delegates, January 7, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 9, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 9, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be directed to adjust and settle the accounts of John Hamilton, agent to the Maryland line, and allow him the sum of sixty dollars per month, deducting the money he has already received; and charge the same to the United States, agreeably to the resolves of congress of the 27th of May, 1785; which sum, so audited, the treasurer of the western shore is hereby ordered and directed to pay; and the said John Hamilton is hereby ordered and directed to deliver into the hands of the governor and council, all the certificates which may remain in his hands on a final adjustment of his accounts, and their receipt shall exonerate him to the amount thereof from any receipt he may have given to the continental commissioner.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following resolution :

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