

On motion, RESOLVED, That Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; be added to the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the bill for the regulation of the poor in the several counties of this state, and for the repairing of the poor-house of Baltimore county, in the room of George Gale, Esq;

Mr. Joshua Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 19, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act to empower Vachel Downes to collect the arrears due for public and county assessments to Samuel Ridgeway late sheriff and collector of Queen Anne's county, deceased, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 19, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 19, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the committee appointed to state to the house of delegates the opinion of the senate respecting the salaries proposed to be given to the governor, chancellor and judges, brings in and delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 19, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON reading your bills to establish permanent salaries for the governor, chancellor, and the judges, we are of opinion the provision proposed to be made for them is not a sufficient compensation for their services, nor will it enable them to support with dignity the rank to which their superior trusts entitle them. The greatest security which a people can enjoy under any government, results from a strict and impartial administration of justice. The independence of the magistrate, invested with this important trust, has been the first care of the legislator, who wished the government to be permanent and the people happy. By a liberal provision being made to the chancellor and the judges, they can dedicate their whole time and abilities to the service of the public. Gentlemen of merit and knowledge will be thereby induced to engage in this most important trust, and their personal characters and abilities will give weight to their decisions, and security to the government. We are very sensible that the state of our finances requires economy, but flatter ourselves you will, upon reconsideration, think with us, that the salaries of the officers referred to in this message may be enlarged, without incurring a censure for profusion. As there are no funds particularly provided for the payment of those salaries, it would be very agreeable to us to mortgage all the unappropriated revenues of the state for the payment of them. We have sent you the bills for reconsideration, in hopes that you will consent to an enlargement. The following salaries would meet our perfect approbation: To the governor, £. 1200. To the chancellor, £. 1000. To the judges of the general court, each £. 850. Judges of the court of appeals, each £. 500. Judge of the court of admiralty, £. 500.

We submit to your consideration the propriety of passing a law to lessen the number of the court of appeals to three, when circumstances admit. If upon reconsidering the subject you do not think it proper to make any further allowance, or to make the funds more certainly productive of a sufficient sum to pay salaries, we wish you to return us the bills, that we may determine on them.

We have spent some time in considering the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and think it requires many amendments. This is a subject of great importance and some difficulty, and as we are desirous of making the bill as perfect as possible, we wish to have a free communication of sentiment upon it with members of your house. We therefore propose a conference upon this bill. If you accede to this proposition, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Perry, and Daniel Bowley, Esqrs. will meet the gentlemen who may be appointed by your house. We cannot close this address, gentlemen, without reminding you that little public business has yet been done; there is a great deal to do, and the severe season is begun. We therefore earnestly request, that you will prepare and forward the supply bill and other essential business, that we may have some prospect of an end to this tedious and expensive session.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and, with the bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish a permanent salary to the governor, and the bill, entitled, An act to establish permanent salaries for the chancellor and the judges, was sent to the house of delegates by James Lloyd, Esq;

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

F R I D A Y, January 20, 1786.

THE same members appeared as on yesterday, except Thomas Stone, Esq; who is indisposed. The members present adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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