

merly belonging to Henry Stevenson, made by Robert Ballard of the commissioners of confiscated property; the bill, entitled, An act to record and make valid a deed of bargain and sale executed by Jonathan Tipton, junior, to Daniel M'Comisky of Baltimore county; the bill, entitled, An act to correct a mistake in a deed of bargain and sale executed by William Askew, to John Millan, to record a deed of bargain and sale executed by John Millan, to William Mackie, and to empower Priscilla Mackie, William Magruder, and Leonard Smith, to dispose of part of a tract of land for the purposes therein mentioned; the bill, entitled, An act to empower Joseph Baxter, Charles Ghequiere and Harriett his wife, and Charlott Haley, to make over and convey part of two tracts of land called St. Andrew's Cross, and the Fork; the resolution respecting Robert Ballard; the resolution respecting Henry Fitzsimons; the petition of Oliver Evans; the bill, entitled, An act for erecting a town at the mouth of Susquehanna river in Harford county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same; and the above petition and resolution; were sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq.

The president lays before the senate a letter from P. I. Van Berkel, minister of the United Netherlands, respecting a compliance with the contract made by Matthew Ridley with the messieurs Vanstaphorsts; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Mr. Quynn, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 16, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, February 17, 1786: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 12th line of the 2d page, after the word "justice" insert "and agreeably to the rules and practice of the examiner-general under the old government, in passing certificates in which the quantity of land expressed in the warrant is exceeded, and of issuing grants on such certificates."

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

S A T U R D A Y, February 18, 1786.

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

The president lays before the senate a petition from John Petty, setting forth, that a certain Thomas Rutland was indebted to the naval-office in Annapolis to a certain amount, that the said Rutland had made an assignment to the said Petty of certain property, in consequence of which the said Petty was answerable, and that he is not able to discharge the same; and praying an indulgence in the payment thereof till the first of September next; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The resolution respecting the report of the commissioners of the road from Baltimore-town to Elizabeth-town in Washington county, was read, assented to, and, with the above petition, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

Mr. Ennalls, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, February 15, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, February 18, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the committee appointed to prepare a message to the house of delegates, stating the reasons which induced the senate to dissent to the second and third of the amendments to the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and desiring to know the reasons which induced the house of delegates to dissent to the bill concerning frivolous appeals, and the bill concerning bills of exchange, brings in and delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 18, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE feel ourselves constrained to recal your attention, at this late period of the session, to three important bills, two of which were originated by this house, and rejected by yours, and the other, after much care and labour have been bestowed upon it by the conferrees of both houses, has been so amended by you as to destroy, in our opinion, the most important regulation of the bill. Conceiving that the state will be deprived of the principal benefit which we expected would result from a proper regulation of the staple of tobacco, we have disagreed to your amendments for striking out of the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, that part of it which directs the inspectors, after the first day of September seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, to distinguish in the notes the peculiar and enumerated species of tobacco contained in the hogheads for which such notes may be given, and the preceding part connected with this. Your first and last amendments, which are mere corrections of language, are agreed to. It does not strike us, that this regulation would be difficult in the execution, and if well executed, it

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