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The senate adjourns till half after 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The president lays before the senate a letter and memorial from Samuel Chase, agent respecting the bank stock; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Edward Lloyd, Esq;

Mr. Taney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 18, 1786.

Whereas by the humble petition of John Petty, of the city of London, merchant, it appears to this general assembly, that he is liable and answerable for the payment of certain duties bonded for by Thomas Rutland, and that he hath no means of discharging the same without disposing of certain effects made over and assigned him by the said Rutland, an immediate sale of which will be particularly injurious to him the said Petty, and such as are creditors of the said Rutland, RESOLVED, That the naval officer of the third district is hereby authorized and directed, to grant an indulgence to the said Petty, for the payment of the aforesaid duties, until the first day of June seventeen hundred and eighty-six, provided the said Petty gives bond, with such security as the naval officer shall approve, for the full amount of all duties due by the said Rutland to this state, with interest for the same until paid.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 18, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorized and directed, to settle and adjust the accounts of all officers and soldiers who shall personally apply to him, and who have served in the Maryland line, who have not been hitherto settled with, and who are entitled to a depreciation of pay, agreeably to an act of this state, entitled, An act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and the supplement to the said act, and to grant certificates for the amount thereof, provided that such application be made before the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, the auditor being fully satisfied of the identity of the person.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The message stating the reasons of the senate's dissent to the amendments to the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, &c. was read the second time, agreed to, and, with the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, the bill respecting frivolous appeals, and the bill respecting protested bills of exchange, was sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, February 20, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. James Lloyd, Esq; appeared in the senate. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset; the resolution respecting John Petty; and the resolution directing the auditor to settle the accounts of all officers and soldiers, &c. were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Roberts, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 20, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered the letter of the 25th of November last from the vice-president of the state of Pennsylvania, proposing a negotiation with this government, respecting the opening a navigable communication between Chesapeake and Delaware bays; and for an effectual improvement of the river Susquehanna and its streams, and this house are willing to appoint commissioners (by the joint ballot of both houses) to meet commissioners from the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware; to confer on the matter proposed, and on other subjects which may tend to promote the commerce, and mutual convenience of the said states; the commissioners from this state will be directed to report their proceedings to the general assembly for their examination, and adoption if approved. If the senate agree to the appointment of commissioners, this house will proceed to nominate and ballot at two o'clock.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by James Lloyd, Esq;