

Mr. Roberts, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill for the average value of land, with the following message;

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 23, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

CONSIDERING the change of appeal (as proposed in your message by Daniel Bowley, Esq;) from the governor and council to the judges of the general court, as not a material one in substance, and that the same objections apply to the one as the other, we cannot agree to receive the amendment, and have returned the bill, in hopes of obtaining your assent to it as it now is.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

F R I D A Y, February 24, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. George Gale Esq; appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Steret from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Crawford of Baltimore county, confined in the gaol of the said county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates February 23, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, February 24, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Carroll, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill for the valuation of personal property within this state, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 24, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have accepted all the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill for the valuation of personal property within this state, except those in the 5th, 7th, 8th, and 13th lines of the thirteenth page, and those of the 2d, 3d, 4th, and last lines of the fourteenth page. We return the bill, hoping the senate will recede from those amendments.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution directing the auditor to settle the accounts of officers and soldiers of the Maryland line who apply in person, &c. was read and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable John Eager Howard and George Lux, of Baltimore county, to grant and convey to the commissioners of Baltimore-town, and their successors, a parcel of ground adjoining the said town, for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the destroying of wolves in Frederick and Washington counties, was read the second time and will pass.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the bill for the average value of land, the bill for the valuation of personal property within this state, the above bills and resolution, was sent the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 24, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to recede from all the amendments dissented to by your house to the bill for the valuation of personal property within this state; but deeming a general court of appeals, for hearing and determining the cases of such persons as may conceive themselves to be injured by the valuation of their lands made by the commissioners of the tax and the decisions of the county courts of appeals, of much consequence, and as a great security against partial and oppressive valuations of landed property, we wish you to reconsider the proposed amendment, constituting the judges of the general court a court of appeals instead of the governor and council. You observe in your message of yesterday, by Mr. Roberts, that the same objections apply to the one court as the other, but you did not apprise us of your objections to making the governor and council a court of appeals, and therefore we cannot know what they were, and request you will inform us of the reasons which influenced you to reject both propositions. If those objections prove the impropriety of any court of appeals, we shall readily recede from our proposition, and if no convincing reason can be given against such a court, we hope you will accede to it, which as it appears to us, cannot be attended with any inconvenience, and may be extremely beneficial.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The amendment proposed to the bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the issuing grants for the lands therein mentioned, was read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.