

sed; " By the house of delegates, March 10, 1786: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 10, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and requested, to contract or employ such person or persons as they may think proper, to complete the repairs begun to the stadthouse and the governor's house, regarding the materials purchased, the work done, and the expence already incurred, and to consult economy as far as may be.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of John Stevens of Dorchester county, late collector of the tax, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The amendments to the bill concerning jurisdiction, were read, assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The senate adjourns till 6 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Mr. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, March 10, 1786: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 10, 1786.

Whereas it is necessary that a fit and proper person should be appointed to take charge of and preserve the stadthouse from being damaged as much as possible, therefore RESOLVED, That the messenger to the governor and the council for the time being, be, and he is hereby authorized, to take charge of all that part of the stadthouse, except the public offices, and that he keep the same clean, and prevent damages being committed thereon as much as possible, and that he be directed to permit no persons whatever to use any of the said buildings without first obtaining leave from the governor and the council.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be, and they are hereby authorized and requested, to make such allowance to the said messenger to the governor and council for taking care of the said building as they may think reasonable, not exceeding the sum of twenty-five pounds current money.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Purnell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorits, of Amsterdam, merchants, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, March 10, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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The bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the power of the high court of chancery, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting the repairs of the stadthouse and governor's house, was read and assented to.

The resolution authorizing the messenger to the governor and council to take care of the stadthouse, was read and assented to.

The journal of accounts was read and assented to.

The bill to ascertain for what time interest shall cease on debts due from the citizens of this state previous to the commencement of the late war, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the above bills, resolutions, journal of accounts, and the bill for the relief of John Stevens of Dorchester county, late collector of the tax, was sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 10, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

CONCEIVING that we have no constitutional power to interfere with the subject of your bill to ascertain for what time interest shall cease to debts due from the citizens of this state previous to the commencement of the late war, we think ourselves obliged to give it a negative, although the cases which you had in view to provide for certainly would demand the attention of the legislature, if at liberty to act upon them. The United States in congress assembled having the sole right of making peace, we apprehend the state legislatures ought not to pass any act which may be construed in any manner to oppose the terms of a treaty made by congress, and possibly your bill, if passed into an act, might be liable to this construction; we do not mean by this