

misunderstood or misrepresented in Europe, give umbrage to congress, and disquiet the citizens of the United States, who may be thereby led erroneously to suspect, that the great council of this country wants either the will or wisdom to digest a proper uniform plan for the regulation of their commerce. The power must be given to congress to effectuate any system which might be adopted by the proposed meeting of commissioners. When the power shall be vested in congress, by all the states, that body, we doubt not, will be willing and competent to form an equal and judicious system for regulating the trade of these states.

The meeting of the commissioners, as proposed by the commonwealth of Virginia, we are convinced was made with the best intentions, and with a view to promote the general interest of the union; this meeting, however, should it take place, may produce other meetings, which may have consequences which cannot be foreseen. Innovations in government, when not absolutely necessary, are dangerous, particularly to republics, generally too fond of novelties, and subject to change. Until a general power is vested in congress, a communication between neighbouring states, may be useful, and we think, cannot be dangerous. We therefore propose, that the same gentlemen who were appointed commissioners in seventeen hundred and eighty-four, to meet the commissioners of Virginia, shall be authorized to meet any commissioners from Virginia, to confer on the several subjects mentioned in the report of the commissioners of Virginia and Maryland; and also we agree, that commissioners be appointed to meet and confer with any commissioners from Pennsylvania and Delaware, who may be authorized by those states respectively to confer on the said subjects, and this power may also be given to the gentlemen already nominated to meet the commissioners of the last mentioned states. We therefore propose, that the governor be requested to inform the governor of Virginia, and the honourable Edmund Randolph, that this state having empowered the United States in congress assembled to impose duties on imports, agreeably to their resolve of the 18th of April 1783, and also having given authority to that assembly, for fifteen years, to prohibit exports to, and imports from, any country with which and the United States no treaty of commerce exists, or may be entered into, and apprehending the proposed meeting, though originating from the best intention, may tend to delay the adoption of the above resolve of congress, and the vesting that assembly with proper powers to regulate trade, by the states who have hitherto delayed to accede to these measures, and also that unforeseen consequences may result from such meeting, this legislature has declined to appoint commissioners for this purpose.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
Mr. Bracco, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bill No. 81, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."  
And also the bill to make valid the proceedings of the vestry of St. Peter's parish in Talbot county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."  
Ordered to be engrossed:  
The resolution respecting Charles Frederick Wiesenthal, was read and assented to.

The paper bills from No. 6 to 33, and from 41 to 63, except 46 and 61, with the above resolution, were sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

Mr. Somerville, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bill No. 80, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."  
And also the following resolution:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 11, 1786.  
RESOLVED, That the sale of the real and personal confiscated property, lying and being in St. Mary's county, late the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, a native of this state, but now a resident in Great-Britain, be postponed until the meeting of the next general assembly.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.  
Which was read and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorfts, of Amsterdam, merchants, was read the second time by especial order, and the question being put, That the same do pass? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.  
The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esq; president, the honourable John Henry, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Smith, Samuel Hughes, William Perry, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.  
The honourable Edward Lloyd, Esquire.  
Determined in the affirmative, and endorsed will pass, with the above resolution, was sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Bowley, Esq;  
The bill for the relief of Harry Dorsey Gough, was postponed to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

The senate adjourns till 6 o'clock.