

The president lays before the senate a letter from Thomas Harwood, treasurer of the western shore, enclosing a judgment of the judges of the general court, his letter to the governor and council, and their answer, on the subject of certificates being receivable for interest on bonds taken since the consolidating act; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent, with the memorial of John and Jonas Clapham, by Daniel Carroll, Esquire.

William Perry, Esquire, from the committee appointed to examine the return of the electors of the senate and report thereon, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee appointed to examine the return of the electors of the senate, beg leave to report, that they have examined the return of the electors of the senate met at the city of Annapolis on Monday the eighteenth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and find that Thomas Stone, John Henry, George Gale, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Johnson, Richard Barnes, George Plater, Edward Lloyd, John Hall, William Hemsley, William Paca, William Perry, John Smith, Daniel Carroll and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, are duly elected senators; which is submitted to the honourable senate.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk. com.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Hopewell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Charles county to levy on the inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the relief of Francis Speake, endorsed: "By the house of delegates, November 28, 1786: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 4, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The second supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, and the bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the relief of John Briscoe, were read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Richard Ridgely, Esquire.

George Gale, Esquire, from the committee appointed to draw rules and regulations to be observed in the senate, brings in and delivers to the president the following rules and regulations:

Rules and regulations to be observed by the senate in the transaction of business.

1. That the precedence of senators elected by the electors of the senate, be regulated according to the order in which they stand in the report of the committee appointed to examine the return of the electors of the senate, and that senators elected by the senate, be considered as junior to the senators elected by the electors of the senate, and the precedence of the former be according to the respective priority of their election into the senate.

2. Every member shall take his seat when the president takes the chair, and remain uncovered until the senate rises.

3. Every member who shall deliver his opinion on, or speak in, any debate, shall stand up in his place, and decently address himself to the president.

4. No member shall speak oftener than twice in any debate, except with leave, nor shall any member be interrupted while he is speaking.

5. No member, at the time of his speaking in debate, shall name any other by his proper name, but shall use some other distinction.

6. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the president shall determine which shall speak first.

7. That if a member, when speaking, is called to order by the president, or any other member, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat, until it is determined whether he is in order or not; and all questions of order shall be determined in the first instance by the president, but every member shall have a right to appeal from his decision to the judgment of the senate.

8. Every bill brought in by a member, or received from the house of delegates, shall be read on two several days, with an intermission of one day at least, during which time it shall lie on the table for the perusal of the members, unless it be read a second time by an especial order; and no bill, or other matter of importance, shall have a second reading until all the members in town be called upon to attend.

9. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voices, taken seriatim, by beginning with the senior member.

10. Every question shall be entered on the journal, and the votes taken, if moved for.

11. The president may not enter into debate, but may vote on every question.

12. All committees of the senate, or conferrees thereof, shall, if required by any member, be elected by ballot, the number never to exceed five.

13. No member shall depart without leave, on pain of being censured from the chair on his return.

14. Each senator shall have a right, when a vote passes contrary to his sentiments, to enter his dissent, with the reasons thereof, provided his intention of protesting be declared to the senate at the time of the passage of such vote, and his protest be filed within ten days thereafter.

Which were read the first and second time and concurred with.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 6, 1786.

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

Mr. Pattison, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

By