

The president lays before the senate a petition from John Walker, Richard Jacob, Vachel Stevens and William Pumphrey, respecting the levying a sum on the parishioners of the parish of Saint Margaret; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right of making and vending carding and spinning machines; the bill, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cecil county; and the bill, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors; were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 6, 1787.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 6, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have determined, when we adjourn, to adjourn to Tuesday the 20th day of March next, and hope the material and necessary business now under consideration, may be finished in a few days; and we request your honours to dispatch the bills now before your house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The president lays before the senate a memorial from certain attornies in fact of sundry British creditors, upon the subject of an installment law; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment imposed November session, 1785, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the third line of the first page, strike out "tenth day of May," and insert "twentieth of April." After the word "enacted" in the second line from the bottom of the third page, insert "if the money and certificates received by the collectors are paid into the treasury by the 10th day of February as aforesaid." In the last line of the bill strike out "July" and insert "June." After the word "act," at the end of the bill, insert "And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the treasurers of the respective shores, to make diligent inquiry upon their respective shores, whether the money and certificates collected are paid into the treasuries agreeably to this act, and if it appears to either of them, that any collector of their respective shores hath received money or certificates which shall not be paid into the treasury by the said tenth day of February next, then the bond of such collector shall be ordered to be put in suit.

"And be it enacted, that in the collection of the tax aforesaid, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the respective collectors to give certificates in change, if they have them, to those who may offer such certificates as are receivable in payment of the said tax for larger sums than the tax due by the persons offering such certificates.

"And be it enacted, that money shall not be given by any collector in change for any certificate, above five per cent. on the tax payable in certificates by the persons who may offer such certificates.

"And, whereas in some counties the collectors may not have given bond with security, as required by the act to raise the supplies for the year 1785, Be it enacted, that the commissioners of the tax, in the respective counties of this state, or a major part of them, be and are hereby authorized and directed, in cases where bonds have not heretofore been given, to take bonds from the said collectors in their respective counties, in manner and form as by the said act is directed, only extending the time of collection in the condition of the said bonds to the first day of June next."

The bill, entitled, An act granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right of making and vending carding and spinning machines, was read the second time by especial order and will pass; the bill, entitled, An act to vest certain powers in the governor and council; and the bill, entitled, An act for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Wille's creek, in Washington county; were read the second time, passed, and, with the above bills, and the petition of John Walker, Richard Jacob, Vachel Stevens and William Pumphrey, were sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment of Baltimore county court; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of debtors, was read the second time, unanimously rejected, and endorsed will not pass.

The president lays before the senate a report from John White, commissioner of accounts for the State of Maryland to the treasury board of the United States, respecting the account between this State and the United States; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act for the removal of the seat of justice from Charles-town to the Head of Elk, in Cecil county, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendments, and, with the above report, was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

Amendments proposed. In the fourth page, and fifth line from the bottom, strike out the word "henceforth," and insert the words "and after the tenth day of April next." In the fifth page

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