

Mr. Dent, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years 1784 and 1785, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 11, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 16, 1787: 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.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 14, 1787.

Whereas it appears, by the petition of Thomason Alexander, relict of Ely Alexander, late of Cecil county, deceased, that the said Thomason, and her numerous family, are likely to be left destitute of property, in consequence of her late husband becoming security to the state in the sum of one hundred and sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence principal, for land bought at the Head of Elk from the commissioners for the sale of confiscated property by a certain Caleb Alexander, who is now under execution for the same, and who has no visible property, except the land aforesaid, which will not at this time sell for near the purchase money; from a consideration of the smallness of the sum, and motives of clemency towards the widow and orphans, RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be, and he is hereby directed, not to issue any process against the property left by Ely Alexander aforesaid, until the end of the next session of assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Funk, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy adjustment of sundry purchases of British property, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 14, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 16, 1787; Read the second time and will pass.
" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 17, 1787.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy adjustment of sundry purchases of British property, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution respecting Thomason Alexander, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate an address from Frederick Green, printer to the state, respecting the incompetency of his salary; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Basil Brown, was sent by Richard Ridgely, Esquire.

Mr. Norris, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Taylor, of Harford county, and Thomas Woolford, of Dorchester county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 14, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 16, 1787: 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.

George Gale, Esquire, from the conference appointed to consider the memorial of Matthew Ridley, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee to whom the memorial of Matthew Ridley was referred, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the contract made between the memorialist, as agent for this state, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of the city of Amsterdam, and are of opinion that he executed the commission entrusted to him with diligence and fidelity. The negotiating a foreign loan at that time, appears to us to have been attended with many difficulties. That applications to the court of France, for obtaining a supply of money, were repeatedly urged in vain, nor could a promise of expending the sums, if advanced, in the manufactures of that country, induce an assent to the solicitation. That after many fruitless endeavours in France, the memorialist went to Holland, and there applied to a considerable banking house, who declined embarking in the affair, and had not Messieurs Vanstaphorst agreed to furnish the sum, it is probable the loan must have entirely failed.

Your committee further report, that from the testimony of respectable witnesses produced to them, it appears that the articles purchased by the memorialist, for the use of the state, were of an excellent quality, and that the arms, in particular, were superior to any before imported.

They further report, that in order to procure the several articles on the best terms, and with a view to superintend their fabrication, the memorialist returned from Holland to France, and, by his economical attention, procured the muskets and bayonets sent to the state for one livre and an half under the price paid by the United States for arms of an inferior quality, with a discount for prompt payment on the whole purchases made, amounting to eleven thousand two hundred and fifty-nine livres.

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