

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the above bill, was sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 18, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

NOTWITHSTANDING the most diligent attention given by us to the bills sent by your house, it has not been in our power to dispatch them so as to gratify your anxious desire to put an end to the session this evening. We have now six bills before us, four of which have been sent since the time you first proposed to adjourn: Some time is necessary to consider and determine on them. All the engrossed bills were sent us for examination but this morning, and it will take at least two days to examine them properly, and to act upon the bills before us. Under these circumstances we think it cannot be expected, that the assembly will rise before Saturday next.

We are ready to go into the appointment of a president of the council by ballot, and have nominated Richard Ridgely and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named in your message.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate proceeded, in consequence of the message by Mr. Holmes, to determine by ballot whether Jeremiah Townley Chase or James Brice, Esquires, should be president of the council. The ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, sealed up and delivered to the committee of the senate appointed to meet the committee of the house of delegates, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned and reported, that Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquire, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Jeremiah Townley Chase, Esquire, is duly elected president of the council.

The bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Taylor, of Harford county, and Thomas Woolford, of Dorchester county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

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

F R I D A Y, January 19, 1787.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason, and for a specific performance of certain contracts made by British subjects previous to the revolution, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. First page, 14th line, strike out the words "if they should be," and insert "now." Sixth line from the bottom, after the word "state," insert "unless bond with security be given as herein after directed." Sixteenth line, strike out "July" and insert "August." Seventeenth line, strike out the words "and from." After the word "oath" in the seventeenth line, insert "and any such factor, agent or merchant, who shall hereafter come into this state, shall, within four months from the time of coming into this state, lodge with the auditor a list upon oath of balances due to such merchant." Second page, first line, after the word "proceed," insert "after the first day of August next." Fifteenth line, after the word "due," insert "from such creditor." Sixteenth line, strike out "or any of the United States," and insert "state." No. 1, page two, after the word "required," insert "and if bond and security shall be given as aforesaid, then the British merchant, agent or factor, shall not be obliged to return the list as is herein before directed." Strike out the clause at the end of the bill, (marked No. 7).

The resolution respecting the per diem allowance, was read the second time and dissented to.

Mr. Ganitt, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bill No. 43, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 17, 1787: Read and assented to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Wallace, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act respecting certain certificates and plots, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 19, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 19, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

Mr. M'Pherson, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1787.

RESOLVED, That Matthew Ridley, Esquire, be appointed to attend as agent, on behalf of this state, before the commissioners nominated to hear and determine the matter in dispute between this state and Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vansaphorst, of the city of Amsterdam, and that he shall be allowed his reasonable expences for such attendance.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and with the resolution respecting the per diem allowance, the bill, entitled, An act for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason, and for a specific performance of certain contracts made by British subjects previous to the revolution, and the bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of John Taylor, of Harford county, and Thomas Woolford, of Dorchester county, sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

By