

oned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787: Read the first time and ordered
"to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will
"pass.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered your message of yesterday by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, and accord with the opinion expressed by you as to the account of Job Garretson. It affords us great pleasure to discover in your honours a disposition at this time to lessen the expences of our government. The present unhappy situation of this country, the heavy demands upon us, and the necessitous circumstances of our people, evidently require it. We shall not now examine, whether the per diem allowance to the members of the general assembly, be an object in this respect most worthy of our attention; neither shall we point out the dangers that might result from a proposition calculated to exclude from the right of legislation persons of but moderate estates, and tending to secure to the affluent and wealthy the sole exercise of this inestimable privilege.

We wish rather to encourage than check the retrenching spirit manifested in your message. You appear desirous for the reduction of a fifth part from the sum heretofore allowed for the attendance of a member of the assembly. Reduce the permanent salaries allowed to the governor, chancellor and judges, and the fees to officers and attorneys in the like proportion, and your desire shall be gratified. For such purpose we send up the bill which accompanies this message. As it is framed upon a scale of reduction exactly answerable to the idea held out by the message of your honours, we cannot doubt of your assent. This will exhibit a conduct uniform and consistent, and such as we are satisfied will meet with the approbation of our constituents.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years 1784 and 1785, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the fourth line from the bottom of the first page, strike out "the tenth of May" and insert "twentieth of March." In the third line from the bottom, same page, strike out from the word "liable" to the end of the clause. At the end of the bill insert "And be it enacted, That no interest shall be charged to or taken from the people by any collector for the said arrearages of taxes."

Mr. Stone, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bill No. 45, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."
The bill, entitled, An act to provide a remedy for creditors and others against this state, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the fifth line from the bottom of the first page, strike out "non assumpsit or the act of limitation," and insert "thereto, and the issue shall be made up." After the word "and" in the second line from the bottom of same page, insert "the attorney-general shall exhibit the claim of the state if any, and."

The bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual relief of the securities of public debtors, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and, with the above bills, and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors of the tax for the years 1784 and 1785, sent to the house of delegates by Richard Ridgely, Esquire.

Amendments proposed. In the first page, strike out all the interlineation between the eighth and ninth lines. Between the two bottom lines, same page, strike out the interlineation.

Mr. Pattison, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bill No. 46, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 20, 1787: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."
Mr. Sherwood, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE length of your message, and the communication of it within a few hours only of the proposed time for closing the session, prevents us from making full observations upon it. We shall only say in reply, that we have paid every possible attention to the public affairs of the union, and the interest and happiness of our people. You have thought proper to over-rule every material system proposed by us for these purposes, and have brought forward nothing essential in their stead.

The people must decide upon our conduct and yours as to the utility, policy and rectitude, of the systems respectively proposed; and we trust we can meet our God and our country with consciences quiet and undisturbed as your own.

We repeat our request to close this session this evening.

By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr: