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distresses, on account of their private debts. It is our peculiar province to originate the consideration of the first object, but the senate is equally competent to the second. While we are employed on the business of supplies, we take the liberty to request your honours to consider and prepare a bill for relief of debtors.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The president lays before the senate a letter from the treasurer, stating the reasons which induced him to decline issuing executions against the debtors of this state for property sold for the redemption of the continental state money; and also a memorial from Benjamin Nicholson, respecting a certain purchase, which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, April 20, 1787.

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

The letter from the treasurer, the memorial of Benjamin Nicholson, and the petition of the innkeepers of Baltimore-town, were sent to the house of delegates by Edward Lloyd, Esquire.

On motion to appoint a committee to answer the message of yesterday by Mr. F. Bowie, RESOLVED, That John Henry, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Hall, Esquires, be a committee for the same.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APRIL 20, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

ON resuming the subject of the conference referred from the last to the present session, respecting the appointment of deputies to meet at Philadelphia in May next, this house think it expedient to go into an appointment on Monday next, and under present circumstances think five the most proper and convenient number. John Henry, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, his excellency William Smallwood, Robert Hanson Harrison, James M'Henry, Thomas Sim Lee, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, George Gale, Alexander Contee Hanson and Robert Goldsborough, junior, Esquires, are put in nomination by this house; and Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Digges and Mr. Grahame, appointed to examine the ballot boxes in conjunction with any members you may think proper to appoint.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

John Hall, Esquire, from the committee appointed to answer the message of yesterday by Mr. F. Bowie, brings in and delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE SENATE, APRIL 20, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very desirous to transact with all possible expedition the business of the present session, and will most cheerfully co-operate with you to bring it to a speedy conclusion. The framing an act of assembly for the relief of private debtors, without interfering with the contracts of individuals, and thereby endangering private and public credit, is a work of considerable difficulty, and requires the joint exertion of both branches of the legislature. If any measure for affording relief to debtors has occurred to you, we shall give it all due consideration, and, if not liable to well grounded objections, will readily adopt it. We are however persuaded, that this subject can be better discussed in a conference between the two houses than in any other manner: Should you coincide with us in opinion, we flatter ourselves this business may be speedily terminated.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

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

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Henry Addison and Anthony Addison, praying for the repeal of a certain law, and the restoration of, or compensation for, certain property formerly belonging to the said Henry Addison; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, APRIL 21, 1787.

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

The petition of Henry Addison and Anthony Addison, and the representation from the auditor-general, were sent to the house of delegates by John Hall, Esquire.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esquire.