

mage by fire, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 7, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 8, 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. Wright, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal all the acts, or parts of acts, of assembly of this state, which are repugnant to the treaty of peace between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty; endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 8, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, May 10, 1787: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendment proposed: Strike out from the word "act;" in the first line, to the end of the bill, and insert "declaring the treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty the supreme law within this state. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, and it is hereby declared, That the treaty of peace made between the United States of America and his Britannic majesty is the supreme law within this state, and shall be so considered and adjudged in all courts of law and equity; and all causes and questions cognizable by the said courts respectively, ought and shall be determined according to the said treaty, and the tenor, true intent, and meaning thereof."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 10, 1787.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be, and he is hereby directed to retain in his hands the monies (except the two shillings and six-penny tax, and what is appropriated to congress) which now are, or the first that may come into the treasury, and apply the same to the payment of the allowances of the members, clerks and officers, of the general assembly, jurymen and witnesses.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, was read the second time by especial order, and the question being put, That the same do pass? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

#### A F F I R M A T I V E.

The honourable George Plater, Esquire, president, the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Hall, William Perry, Richard Ridgely and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires.

#### N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Edward Lloyd, John Smith and Daniel Carroll, Esquires.

Determined in the affirmative, and endorsed will pass.

The president lays before the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from Matthew Ridley, Esquire, respecting the arbitration between this state and the Messieurs Vanstaphorst on the subject of the loan negotiated by the said Matthew Ridley, Esquire; which was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, May 11, 1787.

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

The president lays before the senate a memorial from John Steret and company, respecting the payment of the interest due to the Messieurs Vanstaphorst on the loan negotiated by Matthew Ridley, Esquire; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and with the letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing the letter from Matthew Ridley, Esquire, and the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, was sent by Edward Lloyd, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors, with the proposed amendments, was put to its passage, and will pass.

Amendments proposed. In the first line of the preamble, between the words "the" and "confinement," insert the word "long." In the second line of the preamble, after the word "is" in the second line, insert the word "thought" after the word "is" in the second line. After the word "reasonable" strike out the words "and just" in the same line. After the word "debtors," in the third line of the preamble, insert the words "under execution." In the first page, and second line of the enacting clause, after the word "debtors," insert "who may be in execution either by commitment of a court, or in actual custody on judicial process against his person." - In the fourth page, after the word "incumbrances," in the interlineation of the third line from the bottom, insert "by deed duly recorded, mortgage or judgment, or otherwise, (except only such judgments where the creditor or creditors may prosecute his, her or their claim against the person of the debtor, in which case the lien on property shall be forfeited." Strike out from the word "claims,"