

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

M O N D A Y, May 21, 1787.

THE same members appeared as on yesterday, except the honourable George Plater, Esquire. Richard Ridgely, Esquire, appeared in the senate. The senate proceeded to the election of a president, in the room of the honourable George Plater, Esquire; the ballot box was prepared, the ballots deposited therein, and on examination thereof, it appeared that the honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that the honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, is duly elected president of the senate.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 20, 1787.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, that they purchased certain lands, in the said county, from the late intendant of the revenue, in the year 1785, and gave bonds for payment, with annual interest, under the expectation that six weeks notice would be given to them of the time of payment of the interest due on their bonds, and that some person would be appointed to receive the interest of the purchase money, which in many instances amounted only to a few shillings; and that executions were issued from the general court of the western shore to compel payment of the very trivial sums due on their bonds for interest, which were set aside by the general court, and afterwards writs issued against the aforesaid debtors for the same purpose, and great and exorbitant fees were claimed, in many instances far above the sums due for interest, and the treasurer declined to receive the said interest without payment of the aforesaid fees; and this general assembly are desirous of granting relief to all reasonable applications by any of the citizens of this state; RESOLVED, That the debtors on the said bonds be permitted to pay the interest, or the principal and interest due by them to the public, without any costs, at any time before the first day of August next, and that in the mean time no declaration shall be filed, or any thing further done in the said suits whereby the costs therein may be increased.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, that they purchased from the late intendant of the revenue several parcels of lands, now in the said county, but formerly within the lines of Pennsylvania and Delaware, which lands, or parts thereof, the said purchasers claim title to under the laws of the said states, and request time to produce vouchers to support their said claims; RESOLVED, That all process and proceedings against the said purchasers be countermanded by the attorney-general, and not renewed before the end of the next session of assembly, and the late intendant is directed to return lists of such purchasers to the attorney-general and the treasurer of the western shore.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 20, 1787.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to appoint and employ some skilful person to lay out the manors, and such parts of the reserves and vacant lands belonging to this state, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, as he may think fit and capable of being settled and improved, in lots of fifty acres each, bounded by a fixed beginning and four lines only, unless on the sides adjoining elder surveys; that the beginning of each lot be marked with marking irons or otherwise with the number thereof, and that a fair book of such surveys, describing the beginning of each lot by its situation as well as number, be returned and laid before the next general assembly; that a brief note of the improvements which may happen to be on any lot, and the name of the person, if any settled thereon, be inserted at the foot of the certificate of survey thereof, and that the reasonable expence of such surveys be paid by this state.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to cause the auditor-general, or other proper officer, to make out an accurate and fair list of the officers and soldiers who are entitled to bounties of land under the promises of this state, and to lay the same before the next general assembly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Pattison, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 11, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,

"By the house of delegates, May 20, 1787: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments."

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the third clause, beginning with the word "and" in the eleventh line, and ending with the word "month" in the seventeenth line, and insert the following proviso: "Provided, that any person may permit his slave, being a pilot, to hire himself in such capacity, and any person may employ as a pilot any slave known or generally reputed to be a pilot, before the passing of this act."

Amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.