

SATURDAY, December 8, 1787.

THE senate met: Present as on yesterday: The proceedings of yesterday were read.
Mr. Joshua Seney, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

Upon the second reading of the report on the petition of William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson, widow and executrix of the late Joseph Nicholson, RESOLVED, That the claim of the representatives of Robert Field, of the state of Pennsylvania, and also the claim of Thomas Riche, against the confiscated estate of James Chalmers, when passed by the auditor-general, be deducted out of the bond given by the said William Smith and Joseph Nicholson for two hundred and fifty acres of land, part of the said Chalmers's estate, sold by the commissioners of confiscated property, and that upon payment of the balance, the aforesaid bond be delivered up to them the said William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare amendments to the bill respecting the continuance of civil suits in the general and county courts, brings in and delivers to the president the following amendments:

Amendments proposed. After the word "causes," in the last line but one of the preamble, insert "under certain circumstances." In the same line, after the word "think," insert "absolutely." In the 1st page, after the word "wanting," in the third line of the first enacting clause, insert "from some other of the United States; or from." In the 2d page, after the word "wanting" in the 1st line, insert "from some other of the United States, or from beyond sea." After the end of the 1st clause in the 2d page, insert "unless the court, on examination of the party or parties, shall be of opinion, that the fact to be proved by such testimony is immaterial, or the adverse party will admit the truth of such allegation or fact thought material or necessary to be proved, in either of which cases the trial shall proceed, or the cause be discontinued with costs to the party requiring no delay." In the 6th line of the 3d page, after the word "necessary," insert "not exceeding three courts after the usual time of continuance limited by law." After the word "necessary," in the last line but one of the same page, insert "not exceeding four courts after the usual time of continuance limited by law." After the end of the 1st clause, in page four, insert "not exceeding two courts after such cause hath been reinstated; unless evidence or testimony or plots be wanting, as herein before provided, in which case the cause may still be continued, but under the limitations herein before made and provided." After the word "witness," in the last line but one of the 4th page, insert "residing within this state." After the word "the," in the first line of the 5th page, insert "adverse." In the last line but one of the last page, strike out "second," and insert "third." At the end of the bill, insert the following clause: "This act to continue and to be in force for seven years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter."

Which were read the first and second time with the said bill, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by George Gale, Esquire.

Mr. Faw, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Jacob Schly, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 6, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 8, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that on the 23d day of June, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, Zephaniah Turner, Esquire, then auditor-general, granted to Jason Jenkins a depreciation certificate, No. 4181, for £.60 9 4, being the balance due him as a sergeant in the first Maryland regiment, and that some time in the year 1786, the said Jason Jenkins accidentally lost the said certificate, and that he hath not since received or heard of the same; and it appearing reasonable and just, that the said Jason Jenkins, who was justly entitled to the said certificate, should not suffer by the accidental loss aforesaid, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be, and he is hereby directed to grant another certificate of the amount aforesaid to the said Jason Jenkins, or his order, in lieu of the former, the said Jason Jenkins previously giving security in double the sum aforesaid, to be approved of by the auditor, to indemnify the state against the payment of the certificate lost as aforesaid; and that the bond to be taken as aforesaid, be lodged with the treasurer of the western shore.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE received your message of the fifth instant by William Hemsley, Esquire, and are equally anxious with your honours to rise and close the present session. The subject of supplies for the ensuing