

fuig year hath been under our consideration; and this house considering the large amount of the arrears of taxes, as also the probability of our meeting in the spring or summer, have resolved to impose no assessment the present year. We shall cheerfully co-operate with you in so dispatching the public business as to render our stay here as short as possible. We propose to rise on the day mentioned in your message; and flatter ourselves nothing will be wanting on the part of your honours to enable us thereto.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Chapman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act authorising the appointment of trustees to sell and convey a tract of land lying and being in Charles county, for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 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 by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

John Hall, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution respecting William Smith and Elizabeth Nicholson, was read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason; was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the above bill and resolution, was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to your resolve by Mr. Joshua Seney, and think the application, for many reasons, inadmissible. It appears to us eligible to extend relief by a general law, which will at once prevent the loss of time and expence that may be sustained by future applications on this subject, and refer the investigation of them to their proper tribunal. We have therefore sent you a bill, which, if agreed to, will place every citizen of the United States in such a situation that he will not be without remedy for his claim or demand against persons convicted of treason. If the present petitioners should be entitled to relief upon the ground suggested in their petition, this bill will, we conceive, afford them redress.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, December 10, 1787.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. Samuel Hughes, Esquire, appeared, and after qualifying as directed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1787.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by the memorial of Joseph Clark, superintendent of the public buildings, that there is due the workmen for labour done on the said buildings, the sum of five hundred and thirteen pounds; that the workmen are very pressing for their wages, and that he has it not in his power to discharge the same, there not being money in the treasury unappropriated; and the said facts appearing to this general assembly to be true, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Joseph Clark the sum of five hundred and thirteen pounds out of the first money that shall be paid into the treasury, and that he account with the auditor for the amount thereof.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The president lays before the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from the secretary of congress, enclosing journals of congress, and requiring an immediate representation in congress; and also a petition from the society called quakers, upon the subject of the slavery of negroes; which were severally read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The president lays before the senate a petition from Jubb Fowler, praying an additional compensation for his services as messenger of the council for the last year; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Jacob Schly, was read the second time, will not pass, and, with the above petitions, letters and journals of congress, was sent to the house of delegates by John Hall, Esquire.

The resolution respecting Jason Jenkins, was read the second time by especial order and dissented to.

Mr.