

in your message to examine the ballot-boxes. We shall also be ready to ballot for delegates to congress the ensuing year at twelve o'clock, and wish to receive from your house a list of the gentlemen in nomination.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording of a deed from John Slater, of Washington county, to Martin Slack of the same county, and the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of John Hayman Nichols, collector of the tax for Montgomery county, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Miller, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Kent county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 8, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 11, 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. Faw, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill for the relief of George Jacob Schly, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE herewith return to your honours the bill for the relief of George Jacob Schly, which met with your negative, as we imagine, from your not having full information of the facts which induced this house to pass the bill. Schly's petition, and the report of a committee of this house thereon, accompanying this, may lead to a reconsideration of the subject, and even flatter ourselves the passage of the bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands, 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 11, 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.

John Hall, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make provision for the relief of such persons as may be interested in certificates, issued under the authority of this state, that are actually lost or destroyed; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The president lays before the senate a petition from sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, respecting a certain road; and a petition from Mordecai Stevenson, praying to be exempted from taxes and county rates; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Daniel Carroll, Esquire.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house being informed that there has been a communication from Uriah Forrest, Esquire, to the honourable Charles Carroll, Esquire, and Thomas Johnson, Esquire, of the intercourse between Mr. Forrest and the Messieurs Vansaphorff, on the subject of their claim against this state, this house propose a joint committee of both houses to receive information from Messieurs Carroll and Johnson, and report their opinion thereon; and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Key, Mr. Parnham and Mr. Gough, to join the members to be appointed by your house for such purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 11, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are ready to ballot for the exclusion of one member from the present delegation in congress, and shall also be ready to ballot for five delegates to congress for the ensuing year at half past one o'clock. The following gentlemen are put in nomination by this house; to wit: William Harrison, Benjamin Contee, David Ross, John Eager Howard, Joshua Seney, Nathaniel Ramsey and Daniel Carroll, Esquires. Mr. Dent, Mr. Henry and Mr. F. Bowie, are appointed by this house to examine the ballot-boxes.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

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