

The paper bills from No. 2 to 22 inclusive, except 10, 16, 17 and 21, were sent to the house of delegates by William Hemsley, Esquire.

Mr. Read, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act continuing the act relating to costs in criminal cases, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 14, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 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. Brown, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act for the further relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, 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 16, 1787: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Norris, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bills No. 10 and 23, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1787: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. W. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to authorise the county courts to impose an assessment to defray their county charges, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esquire.

Mr. Key, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 16, 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.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 17, 1787.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except John Hall and Peregrine Tilghman, Esquires. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Dent, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills No. 24, 25 and 28, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order;

W. HARWOOD, clk."

George Gale, Esquire, from the joint committee appointed to receive from the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Thomas Johnson, Esquires, a communication of the intercourse between Uriah Forrest, Esquire, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, delivers to the president the following report:

THE committee appointed by the honourable the senate and the house of delegates to receive from the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Thomas Johnson, Esquires, a communication of the intercourse between Uriah Forrest, Esquire, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, beg leave to report to the general assembly, that they have received the said information, which they beg leave to present with this report. The committee report, that it appears to them, that the loan procured in Holland (amounting to 270,000 florins) in consequence of the contract of the 31st day of July, 1782, between Matthew Ridley, Esquire, agent of this state, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, was obtained from a number of individuals in Holland on the credit of this state; that Messieurs Vanstaphorst only acted as agents to negotiate the loan, and stipulated to receive for their trouble; and that the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst were not answerable, or in any manner security, to the lenders for the principal of the loan, or interest thereon.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that it appears from the act of November session, 1785, chap. 85, and April session, 1787, chap. 42, that the general assembly were of opinion, that the state was indebted to Messieurs Vanstaphorst for the loan aforesaid, and that the several proposals to them respecting the said loan, were made under that impression and mistake.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that it appears to them, that the contract by Mr. Ridley with Messieurs Vanstaphorst, for the delivery of tobacco at the price and at the places within this state, as stipulated, has no connexion with or relation to the loan, and any damages for noncompliance