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ance with the said contract, can only be estimated by a comparison of the price stipulated in the contract with the current market price at the places and time of delivery within this state. Your committee beg leave further to observe, that the proposal made to Messieurs Vanstaphorst by Mr. Forrest, under the act of April session, 1787, was very liberal, and that their demands for damages are most extravagant; and their claim, which they do not relinquish, that the damages on the contract shall be ascertained by the price at Amsterdam, is unreasonable and unjust.

Your committee further report, that it is their opinion, that the act of November session, 1785, chap. 85, be repealed. Your committee further report, that it is their opinion, that the duties to be collected in virtue of the act of April session, 1787, chap. 42, be applied to pay the interest advanced to Messieurs Vanstaphorst on the loan, and the annual interest to the lenders, and that the residue be subject to the disposal of the general assembly.

By order, J. G. WORTHINGTON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The bill, entitled, An act concerning the public roads in Frederick, Washington, and Harford counties, was read the first and second time, by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act continuing an act relating to costs in criminal cases, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act giving a further time of payment to Thomas Dorsey, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Mr. Stewart, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills No. 29, 30 and 31, 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."

Mr. Adams, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the sale of inspected tobacco in certain cases, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1787: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1787.

Whereas the general assembly, on the twentieth of January last, by their resolution of that day, for the reasons therein expressed, directed that no process should issue against the property left by Ely Alexander, late of Cecil county, deceased, until the end of the next session of assembly thereafter: And whereas the general assembly, on the twenty-fourth day of April last, by their resolution of that day, resolved, that the issuing process against the said property be further delayed until the end of the next session of assembly: And as the motives still remain to grant indulgence, RESOLVED, That the issuing process against the said property be further delayed until the end of the next November session of assembly.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill respecting the sale of inspected tobacco, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The resolution respecting the arms and military stores in the city of Annapolis, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The engrossed bill No. 32, was read and assented to.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the bill respecting the public roads in Frederick, Washington, and Harford counties, the bill relating to costs in criminal cases, the bill respecting Thomas Dorsey, the bill respecting the sale of inspected tobacco, the bill respecting the loan made by this state with the Messieurs Vanstaphorst, the resolution respecting the property left by Ely Alexander, deceased, and the resolution respecting the arms and military stores in the city of Annapolis, was sent to the house of delegates by Daniel Carroll, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 17, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

THE object of your bill concerning the public roads in Frederick, Washington, and Harford counties, is very important, and requires consideration. We think it better to take up the subject on a more enlarged scale, and as there is not time for it at present, we have referred the consideration of it to the next session. We have no business upon our table, and with the necessary arrangements may be made for signing and sealing the engrossed bills at two o'clock in the afternoon of this day.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Mr. Funk, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills No. 16, 17, 21 and 24, 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."

Mr. M'Pherson, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for better securing the payment of imposts and duties imposed by law, and securing the persons of officers from violence in or for the execution of their offices, 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.

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