

" By the house of delegates, December 17, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Grahame, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bill No. 27, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; " By the house of delegates, December 17, 1787: Read and assented to.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The president lays before the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, respecting the authority of the governor and council to draw orders on the treasury for money; which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Samuel Hughes, Esquire.

Mr. Harwood, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, 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 17, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Henry, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the paper bill No. 32, endorsed; " By the house of delegates, December 17, 1787: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The engrossed bills No. 16, 17, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31, were read and assented to.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1787.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that there was due to Edward Butt, a soldier of the second Maryland regiment, for his services in the army, the sum of eighty-six pounds eighteen shillings and eight-pence, and that the said Edward Butt was killed in the action at Guildford court-house on the sixteenth day of March, 1781; that Thomas Butt, one of the representatives of the said Edward, applied to the auditor-general, on behalf of the said representatives, for a certificate for the amount of the pay due to the said Edward, but the said auditor, having granted two certificates for the said sum, to wit, one for £. 40, and the other for £. 46 18 8, to some person who personated the said Edward, and made oath, that he was Edward Butt, of the second Maryland regiment, thought himself not authorized to issue a certificate to the said Thomas Butt, although he was satisfied of the fraud in the person who obtained it by false swearing as aforesaid; and it appearing just and reasonable, that the representatives of the said Edward Butt should receive the reward due to their deceased brother for his services, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be directed to issue one or more certificates to the administrator or representatives of the said Edward Butt for the said sum of eighty-six pounds eighteen shillings and eight-pence.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 7th line of the 7th page, strike out "seven," and insert "two." In the 7th line from the bottom of the 11th page, after the word "force," strike out to the word "to" in the 6th line from the bottom. And after the word "next," same line, insert "annual." After the word "assembly" in the 5th line from the bottom, strike out the words "which shall happen thereafter."

The 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, was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1787.

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Philip Read, beg leave to report, that they have considered the subject of said petition, and are of opinion that the legislature ought not to grant the prayer of said petition, so far as it respects the payment of certificates in discharge of the bond passed by William Brown, for property purchased by him, as the said bond is subject to be assigned by the treasurer to the creditors of James Chalmers. Your committee are of opinion, that the bond of the said Philip Read, with good and sufficient securities, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, ought to be received, payable to the state, in discharge of the sum due from the said Philip Read to the said William Brown, and that upon such bond being given as aforesaid, the treasurer shall credit the said William Brown with the sum for which such bond shall be given; provided the said William Brown signify to the treasurer in writing his assent thereto. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with; and thereupon, RESOLVED, That the bond of the said Philip Read, with good security, to be approved of by the treasurer of the western shore, be accepted and taken, payable to this state, for the sum due from him to the aforesaid William Brown, provided the said William Brown shall agree thereto; and that the said

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