

On motion, John Henry, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the high court of appeals to continue certain causes therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by special order and will pass.

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

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 18, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

THE desire that the members of this house have to return to their respective homes, have determined the senate to rise on Saturday next, being convinced that the necessary business of a public nature may be completed by that time; and that all private business, not finished by that day, will be postponed to the next session. This house propose to adjourn to the first Monday of November next.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Mr. William Tilghman, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the time for collection of officers fees by execution, endorsed; By the house of delegates, December 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

By the house of delegates, December 18, 1788: Read the second time by special order and will pass.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1788.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Beriah Maybury, Resolved, That all proceedings on the bond of the said Beriah Maybury, given by him jointly with a certain William Peckergast, deceased, to the state, for confiscated property, be and they are hereby suspended and staid until the end of the next session of assembly.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Ridgely, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, endorsed;

By the house of delegates, December 15, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

By the house of delegates, December 17, 1788: Read the second time and will pass.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also a bill, entitled, An act concerning the public roads in Baltimore county, endorsed; By the house of delegates, December 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

By the house of delegates, December 18, 1788: Read the second time and will pass.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The senate proceeded to the consideration of the order of the day, and after sundry papers were read, and hearing the counsel of the parties, the further consideration thereof was postponed till six o'clock.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title to certain lands therein mentioned, was read the second time by special order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court, was read the second time by special order and will pass.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the committee appointed to draw a message to the house of delegates upon the subject of the bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county, to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes, brings in and delivers to the president the following message; which was read, agreed to, and, with the bill thereunto relating, and above bills, sent to the house of delegates by John Hall, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 18, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have agreed to pass the bill for laying a further tax on the people of Harford county, only providing by an amendment, that if there should be any surplus arising from the additional tax proposed to be levied and collected, upon completing the public buildings in the said county, the same should be applied in payment of the county charges. We have departed, in this instance, from an established rule, requiring notice to be given to the respective counties of all intended applications to the legislature for empowering the justices to assess and levy taxes for their local purposes, being induced to dispense with that rule on this occasion, by the information communicated to the senate by the delegates of Harford county, stating the injurious consequences which would follow from a rejection of the bill. We are, however, determined to adhere rigidly to this rule in future, and shall reject all bills which shall propose to authorize the county courts to impose assessments for local purposes, where the requisite notice hath not been given to the inhabitants of the county. It would, in our opinion, be proper to lay before the general assembly, upon all such applications, an estimate, as accurate as the nature of the case may require, of the sums of money necessary for completing the buildings proposed to be erected, and of the tax probably requisite to be imposed on the inhabitants, and in case of a second application on account of a deficiency in the former assessment, that the justices