

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1788.

Resolved, That the citizens of Annapolis be and are hereby empowered to remove the house of public worship, built by the members of the methodist, episcopal church, and place the same on the public circle, whereon the old market-house formerly stood; which said house of public worship, being removed and fixed as aforesaid, shall nevertheless be subject to removal at any time by order of the legislature.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Kerr, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act to regulate public ferries, 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 21, 1788." Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr. Fitzhugh, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable James Gittings, John Gorsuch and John Metryman, the purchasers of confiscated lands, to obtain patents for the same, and other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1788." Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1788." Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Rogers, of 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 21, 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.

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

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1788.

Resolved, That the auditor-general liquidate and pass the account of John Beall, collector of the taxes for Prince-George's county in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and that the treasurer of the western shore credit the said John Beall the amount by him allowed and certified, being his account against the state for warehouse rent, and barrels furnished.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The resolution respecting the removal of the methodist meeting-house, was read the second time, by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act to make valid the proceedings of Augustine parish, in Cecil county, was read the second time and will pass.

The following message was prepared, agreed to, and, with the above bill and resolution, and the additional supplement to the act to regulate public ferries, sent to the house of delegates, by James Carroll, Esquire.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have passed the bill to make valid the proceedings of Augustine parish, in Cecil county, although we are apprehensive the passage of such bills may occasion uneasiness, and excite jealousy, until some general regulation shall be adopted by the legislature on the principle of the bill originated in this house for that purpose, and rejected by yours for want of time to consider the different provisions of the said bill, as suggested in your message. The principle of the bill, we are firmly persuaded, cannot be questioned, although from the tenor of the expressions in your message, an opinion may be taken up by our constituents, that your house is not entirely satisfied that the general object of the incorporating bill is not liable to exception. By the declaration of rights, all persons professing the christian religion are entitled to equal privileges; and by the act for the establishment of select vestries, and the act to provide a fund for the relief of the widows and children of the clergy of the protestant episcopal church in this state, certain privileges are confirmed, and extended to the protestant episcopal church, and until similar rights and privileges are conferred on all the christian churches, societies and congregations, they cannot, with propriety, be said to enjoy equal rights and privileges.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The further consideration of the order of the day was postponed till to-morrow.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property, was read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the 4th line from the top of the first page, strike out "did" and insert the word "have." In the 6th line of the same page, after the word "county," insert "and known by the name of the Nottingham Lot Lands, and the Welch Tract." In the 3d line from the bottom of same page, strike out the words "any lands" and insert "the lands." In the 6th line of the 2d page, after the word "do," strike out the words "or hereafter may hold and" and insert "hold or may." In the 15th line of the same page, after the word "depreciation," insert the