

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

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1788.

RESOLVED, That three persons be appointed in each county in this state, to view and inspect the books, records and papers, in the several public offices in their respective counties; that they have free access to the same, and that they, or a majority of them, report the state and condition thereof to the next general assembly.

RESOLVED, That for the above purposes Messieurs Zachariah Forrest, Joseph Ford and Henry James Carroll, be appointed for St. Mary's county; Messieurs Thomas Smyth, William Sluby and Oliver Smith, be appointed for Kent county; Messieurs Nicholas Worthington, Allen Quynn and William Harwood, be appointed for Anne-Arundel county; Messieurs Joseph Wilkinfon, William Allein and John Gantt, appointed for Calvert county; Messieurs Samuel Hanson, senior, Henry Herly Chapman and William Hanson M'Pherson, appointed for Charles county; Messieurs Samuel Johnson, attorney, William Goodwin and James Calhoun, appointed for Baltimore county; Messieurs William Perry, Howes Goldsborough and Henry Nicolls, for Talbot county; Messieurs Samuel Wilson, John Done and William Polk, be appointed for Somerset county; Messieurs Robert Harrison, James Shaw and John M'Dowell, be appointed for Dorchester county; Messieurs Joseph Gilpin, William Matthews and Tobias Rudolph, be appointed for Cecil county; Messieurs Stephen West, Samuel Hepburn and John Smith Brooks, be appointed for Prince-George's county; Messieurs Richard Tilghman, Robert Walters and William Richmond, be appointed for Queen-Anne's county; Messieurs William Morris, William Purnell (Crapper's Neck) and Peter Chaillic, junior, be appointed for Worcester county; Messieurs George Scott, John M'Pherson and John Riche, be appointed for Frederick county; Messieurs William Smithson, John Love and William Pinkney, be appointed for Harford county; Messieurs Philip Walker, John Brown and Henry Downes, be appointed for Caroline county; Messieurs John Barnes, Denton Jacques and William Good, be appointed for Washington county; Messieurs Edward Burges, Benjamin Canada Stoddert and Samuel Thomas, the third, be appointed for Montgomery county; and that Messieurs John Hall, Brice Worthington and Gabriel Duvall, be and they are hereby appointed to report as aforesaid the state of the records and office papers of the general court for the western shore, the land office, prerogative office and chancery office; and that Richard Tilghman, (Talbot) Nicholas Hammond and Howes Goldsborough, be and they are hereby appointed to report as aforesaid the state of the records and office papers of the general court for the eastern shore.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,

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

The engrossed bills No. 44 and 49, were read and assented to, and the paper bills thereof engrossed, "The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to," were sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire.

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

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1788.

Whereas the governor and council have drawn many orders on the treasurer of the western shore, payable to the citizens of this state, which are not satisfied: And whereas the general assembly have solemnly and repeatedly pledged the faith of the state, in case the interest received from its debtors should be inadequate to the payment and discharge of the interest arisen and to arise on specie certificates issued by the state; that then the yearly supplies (for defraying the expences of government should be appropriated to make up the deficiency: And whereas the interest received from the debtors of the state is greatly insufficient to pay the interest due on said certificates, and the justice and dignity of the state require, that provision should be made without further delay for the payment of the said interest; RESOLVED, That so much of the funds appropriated to the payment of the journal of accounts, the civil list, the allowance to the delegates to congress, and the payment of fifteen hundred pounds to Samuel Sterett, attorney for Messieurs Vanstaphorst, which shall remain after answering the said purposes, be applied to the discharge of the said orders, and payment of one year's interest on certificates, giving preference to the holders of such certificates on which no interest has been drawn, in case application is made to the treasurer on or before the first day of August next.

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By order,

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

The resolution respecting Samuel Sterett, agent of the Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

James Carroll, Esquire, gave notice that he should protest against the latter part of the said resolution, and accordingly brings in and delivers to the president the following protest:

DISSENTIET,
BECAUSE the legislature have no right to interfere, in any manner, with the funds appropriated to the support of Saint-John's college; the law establishing that college, and giving them certain sums yearly, must be considered as a grant to the corporation under the act, which cannot be annulled without a forfeiture of the charter, or the consent of both parties, and in this instance the trustees have not had even notice of the resolution.

December 23, 1788.

J. CARROLL.

The resolution applying the money due on the journal of accounts to the poor of Queen-Anne's county, and to other purposes, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The resolution respecting three persons being appointed in each county to inspect the public records, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

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