

the purchase of part of the reserve lands in Harford and Baltimore counties, described in the said memorial, be rescinded, and that the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to cancel the said contract, and the bonds given by the said Samuel Chase and John Churchman for payment of the consideration money of the said lands, and that the said treasurer deliver up the said contract and bonds to the said Samuel Chase.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 5, 1789.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Samuel Chase, RESOLVED, That the said Samuel Chase be released from the purchase of the lots on Whetstone Point, and also from the purchase of the lots in the city of Annapolis, and that the said lots on Whetstone Point, and in the city of Annapolis, be taken back, on the terms proposed by the said Samuel Chase, for the use of the state, and that the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to cancel and deliver to the said Samuel Chase the bond given for the payment of the consideration money of the lots in Annapolis.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which two last mentioned resolutions were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to amend and alter sundry parts of an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal all those parts of an act of assembly, passed at February session, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, which make it necessary to take, repeat and subscribe, the oath therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

Which two last mentioned bills were sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire.

Charles Carroll, Esquire, from the committee appointed to prepare a message to the house of delegates on the subject matter contained in the bill, entitled, An act for the gradual abolition of slavery, and to prevent the rigorous exportation of negroes and mulattoes from this state, brings in and delivers to the president the following resolution and message:

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 5, 1789.

RESOLVED, That the bill, entitled, An act to promote the gradual abolition of slavery, and to prevent the rigorous exportation of negroes and mulattoes from this state, be committed to Charles Carroll, John Hall and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires; and that a message be prepared and sent to the house of delegates, requesting a committee to be appointed, on the part of that house, to investigate the subject with the above committee of the senate, in order that their opinion thereon may be reported to the legislature, for their consideration.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 5, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

A BILL for the gradual abolition of slavery, and for preventing the rigorous exportation of negroes and mulattoes from this state, has been originated in this house, and lain some time for consideration. The great importance of this subject, whether considered with a view to the persons whom it concerns, or to the advantage and happiness of the community at large, appears to be such as to require peculiar investigation, and the most serious attention of the legislature. Hence it is conceived, that a discussion of this subject by a joint committee of both houses will be proper, that by a candid exchange of sentiments such a system may be reported, as will be thought most agreeable, as well to the sense of both branches of the legislature, as to the sense of our fellow-citizens. With this view, we have framed the resolution which accompanies this message, and do request that a committee be appointed, on the part of your house, to investigate the subject of the bill above mentioned, with the committee chosen on the part of the senate, to whom, under this expectation, we have referred the same.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M. O. N. D. A. Y., December 7, 1789.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. The honourable Daniel Carroll, Esquire, has leave of absence.

Mr. Somervell, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable certain commissioners to make partition of a tract or parcel of land called Bohemia Manor, lying in part within Cecil county, of this state, and part in Newcastle county, of the state of Delaware, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 7, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

And also the following resolutions: