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to this general assembly, be and they are hereby confirmed, and that the treasurers make their entries accordingly.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the attorney-general be and he is hereby authorised and directed to suspend all proceedings against James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, surviving partner of John and James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, till 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.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorised and are hereby required to appoint some person to collect all sums of money and tobacco which did belong to Robert Christie, late sheriff of Baltimore county, and were forfeited to this state, except the public and county dues; and that the said person, before he begins to collect, shall give bond, with sufficient security, for the faithful discharge of his duty in collecting the same, which said bond shall be lodged in the treasury of the western shore; and that the governor and council allow said person a commission not exceeding ten per cent. for collection.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 81, was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

The act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass; which, with the engrossed bill No. 81, and the paper bill thereof, the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and the resolution respecting William Allein, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 29, 1791.

Whereas John Frederick Amelung borrowed of this state one thousand pounds, for the purpose of promoting a glass manufactory in this state, which, under his conduct, has been of great public benefit and advantage, and from unexpected and heavy losses, the said Amelung cannot, without great injury to his manufactory, repay the same unto the said state at the times it will be payable; RESOLVED, That the said John Frederick Amelung shall be entitled to receive the same indulgence as to the times of payment, that the other debtors to the state, who have or might have installed, will be entitled to under the act passed this session for the appointing an agent.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 29, 1791: Read the first and 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.

The following message was prepared and agreed to, and, with the supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, and the paper bill No. 68, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk of the senate.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 29, 1791.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate, on the 17th instant, returned your bill respecting Mr. de la Fayette, with amendments, since which your house has favoured this with no communication on that subject.

The object of that bill having met the approbation of both houses, we cannot but conceive the honour of the state thereby committed, especially as our amendments, which apply to the wording of the bill only, will not justify, in either branch, its rejection. To stop at this stage of the business, and suffer the world to ascribe our proceedings to levity, would be too degrading to the representatives of a people holding so high a station in the union as the citizens of Maryland. On the other hand, we cannot ascribe such conduct to a poverty of means, nor can we say that more mature deliberation shewed us that we had over-rated our obligations to Mr. de la Fayette, for who cannot perceive the immense difference in value between his services and a lot of ground, or estimate the consequence to Maryland of his influence and friendship in France.

If the senate appear to shew an unusual concern for the bill in question, it arises from the peculiar and delicate situation into which the legislature is thrown. A small gift or present is proposed, (which the senate do not mean should exceed £. 1000) to one of the most eminent men this age has produced—one who devoted his life and earliest manhood to our cause, at the risk of all his fortune, and contrary to the express commands of his sovereign, and who has since distinguished himself in his own country, by assisting in the renovation of those blessings which he contributed to establish in this. To refuse that gift now, comports neither with the dignity or honour of the state. Thus circumstanced, the senate hope your house will either agree to or negative their amendments, and if negated, return the bill for their final decision.

By order,

H. RIDGELY clk.

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