

sought protection in that country. We need not instance the case of the refugees, after the revocation of the edict of Nantes—The Palatines—And above all others, the Lisbon grant; nor need we recite to you the distresses which oppressed those French citizens at their arrival, and still continue to bear them down with complicated calamities. To one of the representatives from this state in congress we refer you for further information on this affecting part of the subject. We are sensible that in the cause of humanity you want no other inducements than your own feelings to render you active, and are persuaded we need only mention to you how much this state is interested in the measure, to induce you to take every step in your power to have the money repaid by the United States which we have advanced for these unhappy people, and to have ample provision made for their support while they remain among us:

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1793.

To the honourable GEORGE DENT, JOHN F. MERCER, URIAH FORREST, THOMAS SPRIGG, SAMUEL SMITH, GABRIEL CHRISTIE, WILLIAM HINDMAN, and WILLIAM V. MURRAY.

GENTLEMEN,

THE extreme distress of the citizens of French St. Domingo, driven by the horrors of war, and the destruction of their capital, to seek an asylum in our country, imposed a heavy and unequal burthen on the citizens of this state, and particularly on the inhabitants of the town of Baltimore. To remove the inequality of the expence incurred in the support of these unfortunate exiles, and to prevent their future sufferings, induced the legislature of this state to interpose in their behalf, by granting the sum of five hundred dollars per week, from the first day of December, instant, to the second day of February ensuing; this period was fixed, under an apprehension that congress would, before the expiration of that time, be in session, and that a regard to the sentiments of humanity, as well as national character, would induce them to make effectual provision for their support, while their peculiar situation required it.

The relieving of part of the citizens of this state from an unequal proportion of the expences necessary to preserve those unfortunate people, appeared to us to be a duty incumbent on the representatives of the people of Maryland; to us then it equally appears to be the duty of the representatives of the people of America, to relieve this state from its disproportionate share of the burthen. We wish to call your attention particularly to this subject, and request that you will use your utmost influence to obtain from the United States relief for those people, and restitution of the surplus advanced by this state.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which said resolution and instructions were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, A Further supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, was read a second time, not passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The resolution appointing commissioners for building a gaol in Anne-Arundel county, was read a second time by especial order, and assented to.

The bill, entitled, A Further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, was read a second time, and passed with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. After the word "Queen-Anne," in the third line of the detached piece of paper, insert "Kent."

Which said bill, with the amendment, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the levy courts in the several counties therein mentioned, was read a second time, and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act to open a road from Federalburgh, in the north-west fork of Nanticoke river, in Dorchester county, to Cratcher's ferry, in said county, was read a second time, and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county, was read a second time, not passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk, with the two last mentioned bills.

On motion, ORDERED, That the order of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise the register of the land-office to issue a patent to Salathiel Fitchett for lot number six in Nanticoke manor, was read a second time, and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act for the support of Rebecca Fowler, was read a second time, and passed.

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.

#### P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met: Robert Smith, Esquire, appeared in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list and other expences of civil government, was read a second time, and passed.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of flour, staves and shingles, not merchantable, from the town of Baltimore, in Baltimore county, and to regulate the weight of hay and measure of grain, salt, flax-seed and fire-wood, within the said town, and to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, from Fell's Point, in the said county, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk, with the last mentioned