

A bill, entitled, An act to repeal the fifty-sixth section of the constitution, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 21, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 24, 1793: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1793.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, did not contract with Cornelius West for painting the said house, and it being necessary for the preservation of the same, that it should be painted, RESOLVED, That the commissioners for building a court-house at Easton, in Talbot county, for the accommodation of the general court on the eastern shore, be and they are hereby authorized to draw on the treasurer of the western shore for the sum of eighty pounds, for the purpose of painting the said court-house, and the said treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to pay to the said commissioners, or to the major part of them, or to their orders, the aforesaid sum, out of any money in the treasury, after the payment of the civil list and the journal of accounts of this present session.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates likewise delivers a further supplement to the act concerning the territory of Columbia and the city of Washington, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 2, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 24, 1793: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution respecting communications from the court of appeals, was read a second time by especial order, and dissented to.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act to annul the marriage of George Timmons, and Rachel his wife, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 24, 1793: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Charles Maccubbin, of the city of Annapolis, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 24, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

A bill, entitled, An act to dispose of the estate of Henry Kidd, deceased, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 24, 1793: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the bill, entitled, A Further supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1793.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THIS house conceiving the bill, entitled, A Further supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, which originated in this house, and was negatived in the senate, embraces objects which deeply involve the interests of that part of our constituents, and highly beneficial to the state, by tending in its operation to settle and populate at present a useless and uncultivated territory, and at the same time calculated to draw a considerable sum into the treasury of this state, neither of which objects we apprehend will be effected by the present existing laws; we therefore send the bill back for your reconsideration, and flatter ourselves it will meet your concurrence in its passage.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution in favour of James Hutchings, was read a second time, and dissented to.

On motion, the following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk, with the said resolution, together with the resolution respecting communications from the court of appeals.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 24, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from the resolution in favour of James Hutchings, but if you will originate a new one, with the following proviso annexed, it will pass this house: Provided the chancellor shall be of opinion, on evidence to be produced to him, that a tract of land called Billingham, commonly known by the name of the Homony Pot, which was lately recovered by the state of Maryland against Charles Stuart, was held by Robert Smith in trust for the late Sir Robert Eden, deceased, and shall certify such opinion in writing to the treasurer.

By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

The resolution in favour of Ignatius Baggett, was read a second time, and dissented to.

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.