

county, the resolution in favour of the methodist society, the message concerning the said resolution, and the form of a resolution mentioned in the said message, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the vestry of William and Mary parish, in Charles county, to sell and dispose of the negroes belonging to said parish, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message, and the resolution therein mentioned.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE return you the resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes, and hope that upon reconsideration it will meet with your concurrence. We conceive that the situation of the state, in point of finance, does not demand a rigorous collection of the whole principal sum now due; and as stated in his petition, his liability at this time to immediate execution, which may involve him in ruin, appears to us to deserve our compassionate interference. The releasing him from this situation operated with us in passing the resolution in his favour, and is a principal inducement in requesting your consideration.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 23, 1796.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby directed to pay unto Philip Casson, of Caroline county, his executors or administrators, the sum of four hundred and eighty-six pounds, for half pay due to him as a disabled officer in the service of this state from the twenty-second day of December, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, to the twenty-second day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-six; and that the treasurer of the western shore for the time being is hereby authorised and directed to pay unto the said Philip Casson, for and during his life, the annual sum of sixty pounds fifteen shillings, to be computed from the said twenty-second day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, for his half pay as a disabled officer; provided, if the said Philip Casson should at any time hereafter be put on the pension list of the United States, that from and after the same time that he may be entered on the said list, his half pay from this state shall cease to be paid by the treasurer as aforesaid.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Dorchester county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 22, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The honourable John Campbell, Esquire, has leave of absence.

The following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and, with the resolution therein mentioned, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 23, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE cannot reconsider your resolution in favour of John Smith Brookes. The same reasons which appear to operate with you in this case, may probably be urged with equal force in all cases where individuals may be indebted to the state. We are pleased with the situation of our finances, but they cannot long continue respectable if the state does not receive payment of the debts due from its citizens.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

THE resolution respecting the rebuilding the academy in Baltimore-town you have dissented from; so far you have acted within the strict limits of your constitutional powers; but as to the form of the resolution sent by you for us to originate, we must peremptorily withhold our compliance with your wishes. We conceive that this, in the senate, is indirectly assuming a power which the constitution has in express terms declared they should not exercise. We shall therefore consider your dissent from our resolution as absolute and decisive.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1796.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorised and directed to advance on loan to Jesse Hollingsworth, Philip Rogers and Emanuel Kent, the sum of eight thousand