

Mr. Carroll, from the committee of both houses appointed to inquire into the present situation of the stock in the bank of England belonging to this state, delivers to the president the following report:

THAT they have conferred with the agent for said stock, and on examination of the whole subject, begs leave to report the following resolution, agreed to by the conferrees as proper to be adopted by the legislature:

RESOLVED, That the honourable Rufus King, minister plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the king of Great-Britain, be requested to continue his best endeavours to procure an absolute and unconditional transfer of the bank stock belonging to this state in the hands of the accountant-general of the high court of chancery of Great-Britain; and that the said Rufus King be and he is hereby appointed trustee, in behalf of this state, to accept and receive, in his own name, a transfer of the said stock, and dividends thereon due, but if he shall find it impracticable to obtain a transfer of all the said stock, unless he will engage, on behalf of this state, to pay a sum of money as a compensation for the property of the late James Russell, confiscated by this government during the late war, that in such case the said Rufus King be authorised and requested to make such engagement, and to pay the same by a sale or transfer of so much stock, provided the said sum shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand six hundred and fifty pounds sterling, and interest from such time as he shall think proper.

By order of the committee,

WILLIAM S. GREEN, clk.

Which was read.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing sundry resolutions adopted by the state of Connecticut, recommending an amendment to the constitution of the United States which shall exclude foreign influence from the councils of the United States; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the firing of woods in the several counties in this state therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. In the 10th line of the 1st page, after the word "Frederick" insert the word "Montgomery."

The bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court for Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the justices of the levy court for Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were severally read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, and the bill, entitled, An act to authorise and empower the levy court of Saint-Mary's county to assess and levy annually a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, were severally read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to open and establish a road from Rock creek church to Patowmack river, below the Little falls of said river, the letter from the governor, with the resolutions enclosed in said letter, and the five bills next before mentioned, and the amendment proposed to one of the said bills, were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1798.

RESOLVED, That the honourable Rufus King, minister plenipotentiary from the United States of America to the king of Great-Britain, be requested to continue his best endeavours to procure an absolute and unconditional transfer of the bank stock belonging to this state in the hands of the accountant-general of the high court of chancery of Great-Britain; and that the said Rufus King be and he is hereby appointed trustee, in behalf of this state, to accept and receive, in his own name, a transfer of the said stock, and dividends thereon due, but if he shall find it impracticable to obtain a transfer of all the said stock, unless he will engage, on behalf of this state, to pay a sum of money as a compensation for the property of the late James Russell, confiscated by this government during the late war, that in such case the said Rufus King be authorised and requested to make such engagement, and to pay the same by a sale or transfer of so much stock, provided the said sum shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand six hundred and fifty pounds sterling, and interest from such time as he shall think proper.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The senate adjourns until Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 10, 1798.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Campbell, who had leave of absence. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chesley and Mr. McMechen be added to the committee on the petition of Thomas Johnson, and others.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers to the clerk of the senate a bill, entitled, An act for the support of John Thompson, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1798: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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