

entered into on the 30th of October, 1776, by the convention of this, we are inclined to think a more eligible course may be pursued of coming to a right understanding of the several matters comprehended in those resolves, so as to prevent, by removing present suspicions, future dissensions between the two states. With this view, we propose, that a joint letter be written by the president and the speaker to the assembly of Virginia, informing that honourable body, that, in the opinion of this assembly, the free navigation and use of the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, and of that part of the bay of Chesapeake within the limits of Virginia, together with the jurisdiction, as heretofore respectively exercised by each state, over the rivers and part of the bay aforesaid, ought to be confirmed by the legislature of each, to the people of both states; that the appointment of commissioners for the adjusting of those points to mutual satisfaction and advantage, is conceived to be the most likely method to produce an happy and expeditious settlement thereof; and that therefore this assembly desires commissioners may be appointed by the assembly of each state, who shall respectively report thereto their proceedings and agreement to receive, if approved by the said assemblies, their respective and solemn sanctions. Should the assembly of Virginia close with this proposal, our commissioners may be then chosen, and conferees named, from both houses, to draw up instructions for the regulation of their conduct, in the management of this business.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to enable the surviving visitors of Cæcil county free-school to fill up the vacancies for visitors in said school, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1777: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to enable the trustees of the poor in Frederick county to sell the houses and ground therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1777: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1777: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

"By the senate, November 25, 1777: Read the second time, and will not pass.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Mr. Schnebely has leave of absence for a few days.

The bill, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, &c. read a second time, and will pass.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 26, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Schnebely. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of David Kerr, and the message of yesterday, by George Plater, Esq; were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Jesse Gray was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That in February last, he was arrested as one of the insurgents of Worcester county, for offences against the government of this state, and still continues to labour under a painful confinement. That he has reason to believe his excellency the governor would have granted him his liberty, upon giving security for his good behaviour, and appearance at trial when called on, if his power had not been abridged by a determination of the late council of safety, by which he was declared not bailable; and therefore praying, that the governor may be empowered to let him out, on security for his good behaviour, and appearance at trial when called on.

The bill, entitled, An act to recruit the quota of troops of this state, in the American army, &c. Sent to the senate by Mr. West and Mr. H. Wilson. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate, quit-rents, and land-office, of the late lord proprietary, being read, the house took the same into consideration, and being moved, That the 5th enacting clause of said bill, which follows in these words: "And be it enacted, That all monies unjustly collected under colour of the act, entitled, An act for the settlement of an annual revenue upon her majesty's governor within this province