

you have laid upon them, obligations which cannot cease, and can only be attempted to be discharged by endeavouring to preserve the memory of those actions by which they were created.

While we pay this just tribute to your Excellency's distinguished merit, we feel a peculiar pleasure in acknowledging the powerful assistance afforded us by our generous ally, the signal proofs of skill and bravery exhibited by his officers and soldiers, and their strict discipline and exemplary behaviour on their march through this state.

We have the greatest satisfaction in congratulating you on the late most glorious success of the allied army under your immediate command; an event which reflects the highest honour upon your Excellency, adds lustre to the allied arms, and affords a rational ground of belief, that under the favour of Divine Providence, the freedom, independence and happiness of America, will shortly be established upon the surest foundation.

Which was read a first and second time and unanimously agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Chase.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said address, endorsed, "By the senate, November 22, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Kent has leave of absence.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Gibson.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose, that the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington should be signed by the president and speaker of the two houses, and presented by a committee of both houses.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE assent to the proposal in your message by Messieurs Kent and Gibson, and have nominated Charles Carroll, Esq; Barrister, to join any gentlemen you may appoint to present the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read, and the following message, in answer, sent to the senate by Mr. Wright and Mr. Plowden.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 22, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have nominated Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Fitzhugh to join the gentleman mentioned by your honours in presenting the vote of thanks to his Excellency general Washington.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

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

F R I D A Y, November 23, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Cadwalader and Mr. Kent. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Allein and Mr. Fitzhugh have leave of absence on account of indisposition.

The petition of Robert Long, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Ridgely, to consider and report thereon.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the governor be requested to write to Mr. Peale, of Philadelphia, to procure, as soon as may be, the portrait of his Excellency general Washington, at full length, to be placed in the house of delegates, in grateful remembrance of that most illustrious character.

A petition from Christopher Birkhead, lieutenant of Talbot county, praying to be allowed for services rendered and expences incurred in the public service, was preferred and read.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following letter from his Excellency general Washington to the honourable the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, viz.

GENTLEMEN,

I VERY sensibly feel the honour which has this day been conferred upon me by the vote of thanks of so respectable a body as that of the general assembly of the state of Maryland.

The regard which they have been pleased to express for me personally—the delicate manner in which they have recalled to view those distant events which, in some degree, led to our present happy situation—and the general approbation which they have generously bestowed upon the