

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Nathaniel Offutt; which was read.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Robert Long; which was read.

The message of yesterday by William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, respecting an amendment to the bill for paving the streets of Baltimore-town, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent thereto? Resolved in the affirmative; and the following message being prepared in answer thereto, was sent to the senate, with the said bill, by Mr. M^cMechen and Mr. Fell.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 6, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IN answer to your message of yesterday by William Hindman, Esq; we agree to the alteration proposed, and have herewith returned you the bill.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Norris,

RESOLVED, That the loan made to Matthew Ridley, Esq; by Messieurs Van Staphorst, of Amsterdam, be, and hereby is, ratified and confirmed.

Whereas it appears by the proposals communicated the 26th of July past by Matthew Ridley, Esq; to Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, to be by them approved, that the said Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst were to engage; on account of this state, to the said Matthew Ridley, or order, the sum of 300,000 florins, and to extend the loan to 600,000, and even to a much larger sum; and whereas only part of the 300,000 florins may as yet be advanced;

RESOLVED, That the said Matthew Ridley be directed, on receipt of these resolves, or instructions from the governor and council given in pursuance thereof, to suspend contracting for any further loans of money on behalf of this state, until the further order of the general assembly, and not to purchase, after receiving these resolves or the instructions aforesaid, any military stores, cloathing, or other effects, with the money borrowed.

RESOLVED, That Matthew Ridley, Esq; be directed to govern himself in the shipping the arms, blankets and cloathing, according to circumstances, and the probable continuance of the war, and according to such instructions as he shall from time to time receive from the governor and the council, and if good reason to believe peace will take place, to return the money in hand.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Keene and Mr. Courts.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following messages and resolutions:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 6, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

AS his Excellency General Count de Rochambeau is now in town, to whose important services the United States are greatly indebted, we think it proper for the general assembly to acknowledge those services in a vote of thanks to so distinguished a character, and for this purpose we have named John Henry and James M^cHenry, Esquires, to join any members who may be appointed by your house.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 6, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall endeavour to have the engrossed bills passed this session, agreeable to your request, prepared so as to receive this morning the seal and signature of the governor.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 24, 1782.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to congress from the state of Maryland, transmit, individually, to the general assembly, early in each session, a statement of the federal debt, both internal and external, the several funds for its discharge, and their specific products, with a brief detail of the transactions of congress, as far as may be consistent with their station, and their obligations of secrecy.

RESOLVED, That the Governor transmit a copy of this resolve to each of the delegates, and in future to every new delegate.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which were read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Job and Mr. Magruder.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 6, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

ENTERTAINING the same sense with your honours of the distinguished merit and services of the count de Rochambeau, we agree to acknowledge them in a vote of thanks, and have