

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

And the resolution directing the treasurer to pay a sum of money to the late governor, endorsed;

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read and assented to.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts on to-morrow.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

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

S U N D A Y, January 12, 1783.

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

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment, on the terms therein mentioned, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read “ the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

“ By the senate, January 12, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with “ the proposed amendment.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Amendment proposed. At the end of the bill insert, “ Provided, and it is hereby enacted, that nothing in this act shall be construed or taken to extend to any continental certificates assigned to the citizens of this state by the citizens of any other state.”

Which amendment was read and agreed to and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill concerning estates tail, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 3, 1783: Read the first “ time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

“ By the senate, January 12, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a bill, entitled, An act relating to certain purchases of confiscated property, endorsed, “ By “ the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

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

The engrossed bills No. 21 and 22 were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Coursey and Mr. Duvall.

The bill for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Seney.

On motion by Mr. M'Mechen seconded by Mr. Chase, ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Stone, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate in answer to their message relative to the civil list bill.

Mr. Chase, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 12, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE cannot but consider the bill for the payment of the civil list as a money bill, and therefore subject to no amendment by your honours. By a rule of this house, before any person is named to any office or appointment, to which any salary or allowance is annexed, the allowance or salary is first to be ascertained. The reason of this provision is obvious; to prevent any opinion that the salary is given to the person and not to the office, and the choice of the officer removes all suspicion of partiality or prejudice. We do not think the salaries allowed by our bill profuse or extravagant, and we cannot go into a reconsideration of them without departing from our rule, and subjecting ourselves to a censure we would wish to avoid.

We agree with your honours, that the salaries to the chancellor and judges ought not to be settled by an annual regulation, but ought to be secured to them during the continuance of their commissions, and as soon as we can furnish a permanent and perpetual fund out of which their salaries can be paid, we will send you a distinct bill for that purpose, and we hope this will be in our power before the expiration of the year. We have returned your honours the bill, and hope it will meet your assent.

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