

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

The house met. Mr. John Barnes, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to explain and amend an act for the sale of certain confiscated British property; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the tonnage of vessels, endorsed; "By the senate, May 22, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
"By the senate, May 23, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

The order of the day being read, the house proceeded to take the same into consideration, and after hearing counsel on both sides, relative to the subject matter of the petitions of doctor Ephraim Howard, and others, and the counter petitions of Reuben Meriwether, and others, respecting a road from said Howard's tilting forge to Elk-Ridge Landing, the question was put, That the prayer of said petitioners be granted? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill for laying out a road leading from doctor Ephraim Howard's tilting forge in the upper parts of Elk-Ridge, to intersect the public road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing, by William Hoobs's dwelling plantation in Anne-Arundel county.

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

S A T U R D A Y, May 24, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Edwards. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. S. Worthington has leave of absence.

The bill respecting the tonnage of vessels, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house took into consideration the report of the committee to whom was referred the letter from the mayor of the city of Annapolis, enclosing the proceedings of the corporation of the said city, and thereupon came to the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1st, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the honour, dignity, and welfare, of the United States, require that their representatives should have a fixed and permanent place of residence, with jurisdiction and authority over all inhabitants and residents within the district or territory assigned for the reception of congress and their officers, and the ministers of kingdoms and states in amity or alliance with the United States.

RESOLVED, 2dly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the city of Annapolis, with its precincts, is the most eligible and proper place, within the United States, for the permanent residence of the honourable congress, for the following reasons: First, The city of Annapolis is more central than any other city or town in the federal states, and equally convenient to the delegates to travel there by land or water. Secondly, The city standing within three miles of the bay of Chesapeake, and on a large navigable river, with a high, dry soil, and many springs of excellent water, is remarkably healthy. Thirdly, The bay of Chesapeake and rivers falling into it, will afford safe and capacious harbours for fleets of ships of any size and force, and dispatches may be conveyed or received with great facility to or from Europe, or any other part of the world. And lastly, The city is very capable of defence, with a small force, against numbers, there being only eighteen feet water within five miles thereof, and two large creeks running one on each side, and heading above the said city within a quarter of a mile of each other, and the ground in and near the city well calculated for works of defence.

RESOLVED, 3dly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly (the corporation and citizens of Annapolis having signified their consent) offer the said city with its precincts to the honourable congress, for their permanent residence, and to invest that body with such jurisdiction, authority, and power within the same, and over the inhabitants and residents thereof, as may be required by congress, as necessary for the honour, dignity, convenience, and safety, of that body.

RESOLVED, 4thly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly present the stadthouse and public circle in the city of Annapolis (exclusive of the school-house and court-house of Anne-Arundel county, and loan-office, standing on the said circle) to the honourable congress, for their use.

RESOLVED, 5thly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly present to congress the buildings and ground in the said city, appropriated for the residence of the governor of this state, for the habitation of their president.

RESOLVED,