

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1783. 31

and solicit him that justice may be done the memorialists, who are citizens of this state, with regard to the heavy loss they have sustained of the ship Matilda and her cargo, by the misconduct of the Chevalier de Quémé, commander of the Emerald frigate, belonging to his Majesty the king of France. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hindman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day (which was postponed from this morning till the afternoon) relative to the subject matter contained in the letter from the intendant of the revenue, being read; thereupon

RESOLVED, That the intendant of the revenue be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, out of the first monies that come into his hands from the sale of tobacco, or from any other fund not particularly appropriated to the use of the army, to lodge in the treasury a sum sufficient to defray the interest of money, according to the act of assembly for raising the supplies for the current year; and also to defray the arrearages due to the civil list.

On motion, the question was put on the following:

RESOLVED, That the clerk of the house of delegates cause to be printed and published, in twenty hand-bills for each county, to be sent to the judge of each county court as public letters, the first day that each member of this house appeared in the legislature this session, the number of days that each member has attended, as appears by the journal of accounts, the amount of the diary before a sufficient number of members appeared to transact public business, that the people may see at one view the loss they sustain by the neglect of their representatives."

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Courfey appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ford,	Brogden,	Roberts,	Kent,	Dashiell,	Beatty,
	Pearce,	Chew,	Shaw,	Seney,	Morris,	Keene,
	B. Worthington,	Stone,	Brevard,	Sewell,	Shriver,	Barnes,
	N. Worthington,	Cradock,	Duckett,	Chafe,	Ogle,	Oneale.
	Hall,	Hindman,	Magruder,	Quynn,	Duvall,	

N E G A T I V E.

Mes.	Bond,	Courfey,	Norris,	Stull,	Job,	Chapline.
	S. Worthington,	Taylor,	Wheeler,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bills No. 24 and 25, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 31, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The resolution relative to the land-office, endorsed; "By the senate, May 31, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the following message:

GENTLEMEN,

BY THE SENATE, MAY 31, 1783.

WE think it expedient that effectual measures be adopted for the immediate payment of the principal due to Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Van Staphorst, for loans made by Mr. Ridley in behalf of this state; that a strict attention to the resolutions of the last session upon this subject, should be again, by the governor and council, pressed upon that gentleman, especially that part of them which relates to refunding the money that may be in his hands. The contract appears to us extremely disadvantageous, and should be as speedily satisfied as the nature and true construction of the engagement will admit.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The engrossed bills No. 24 and 25, were read and assented to, and the paper bills thereof endorsed.

The engrossed bills No. 26, 27, 28, and 29, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, the paper bills No. 24 and 25, and the resolution directing the intendant to sell tobacco, &c. by Mr. Beatty and Mr. Shriver.

On the reading the petition of John Beale Howard, and others, **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this house, that by a provision in the late treaty between Great-Britain and the United States, John Paul, a subject of this state, who fled to the British in New-York in the year seventeen