

The order of the day, relative to the petition and representation of sundry inhabitants of Charles county for the removal of their court-house, &c. and the counter petition thereto, being read, ORDERED, That they be postponed till Saturday next, and that the sergeant at arms give the parties notice thereof.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 6, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have appointed John Henry, George Plater, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, James M'Henry, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, a committee to take into consideration the letter from our delegates to congress, of the 3d of November last, to the general assembly, and to report to this house what measures, in their opinion, it will be most advisable to pursue with respect to the objects of that letter; they are important, and we therefore wish you would appoint a committee of your house to meet and confer with the committee of ours on the occasion, as a conformity of sentiment will probably result from the conference, and tend to accelerate the final determination of the general assembly.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and agreed to.

Also a petition from the administrators of Thomas Elliott, of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, praying a law may pass, empowering them to sell and dispose of part of the real estate of the deceased for the payment of his just debts; and a petition from Anne Rorer, administratrix, and Isaac Backett, administrator, of John Rorer, of Washington county, deceased, praying a law may pass, empowering them to dispose of part of the real estate of the deceased for the payment of his just debts; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Rowland and Mr. Edwards.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 6, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IN answer to your message of this day by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, we have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Kent, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Key, Mr. Steret, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Jackson, to confer with the committee appointed by your honours to take into consideration the letter from our delegates to congress, of the third of November, to the general assembly, and to report what measures, in their opinion, will be most advisable to pursue, with respect to the important objects of that letter, believing as you do, that a conformity of sentiment will probably result from such conference.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-four, have a second reading on Monday next.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee appointed to consider the petition of Mordecai Smith beg leave to report, That they have enquired into the facts set forth in said petition, which appear to be true, but as there is a subsequent mortgage to Mr. Stephen Steward, which has been duly executed and recorded, your committee are of opinion it would be improper in this house to interfere therein. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the vestrymen and churchwardens of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, beg leave to report, That having considered the same, they are of opinion the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

A representation from the commissioners of confiscated British property, informing the general assembly, that sundry purchasers of confiscated property have not complied or given bonds agreeable to the terms of the sale, and others have made tenders in state continental money, calculating the interest due by the tenor of the bills, and therefore pray the directions of the general assembly, was preferred and read.

Mr. Edwards has leave of absence till Monday week next.