

over the river Wiccomico, at the town of Salisbury, beg leave to report, That they have had the said petition under their consideration, and are of opinion that the facts stated in the said petition are true, and that the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Jackson, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Polk, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Key, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Somerville, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting theatrical entertainments, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 16, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

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

And also the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 15, 1783.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to congress lay before the United States in Congress assembled, the resolution of the second of December last, and at the same time signify to congress, that nothing shall be wanting on the part of this general assembly, that can render either their temporary or permanent residence in this state convenient and agreeable.

J. DORSEY, clk.

By order,

Which was read the first and second time and unanimously assented to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Digges and Mr. Grahame.

Mr. Hanson has leave of absence.

The bill to empower the vestry of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, to sell and dispose of a part of the negroes belonging to said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Polk.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 17, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Dunn. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hammond appeared in the house. On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the civil list; and Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Kent, Mr. Job, and Mr. Wootton, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, respecting the establishing of an inspection of tobacco at Frederick-town in said county, beg leave to report, That they have considered the subject matter of said petition, and are of opinion, that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer thereof. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Hammond, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Oneale, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Beall, son of George, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein set forth to be true; that the extending and enlarging George-town will greatly contribute to the advantage and welfare of said town; they are therefore of opinion that the prayer of said petition ought to be granted, and the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill for the purpose therein mentioned. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Thomas Boyer, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of the several collectors of the tax therein mentioned; and