

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general or his deputy shall not hereafter settle, adjust, or liquidate, any continental certificates for money loaned to congress by any citizen of this state, under or in virtue of the act passed November session 1782 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, until the further order of the general assembly.

Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by Mr. Somerville and Mr. Harris.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy on the inhabitants of the said county a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the following address to his Excellency General Washington:

S I R,

THE general assembly of Maryland embrace this opportunity of expressing the grateful sense which they and their constituents entertain of your distinguished services; services which, under the smiles of Divine Providence, have secured the peace, liberty and independence of these states. Your retirement to private life, is a full evidence of that true patriotism which induced you to draw your sword in defence of your injured country, and made you persevere to the end of the arduous struggle, in which you have surmounted difficulties, that with prudence less than yours could not have been surmounted. Having by your conduct in the field gloriously terminated the war, you have taught us, by your last circular letter, how to value, how to preserve and to improve that liberty for which we have been contending. We are convinced that public liberty cannot be long preserved, but by wisdom, integrity, and a strict adherence to public justice and public engagements. This justice and these engagements, as far as the influence and example of one state can extend, we are determined to promote and fulfil; and if the powers given to congress by the confederation should be found to be incompetent to the purposes of the union, we doubt not our constituents will readily consent to enlarge them; in expressing these sentiments, and by thus engaging to comply with the dictates of public faith and justice, and to satisfy the just demands of a meritorious army, we make the most acceptable returns for all those cares which you have felt, and all the toils you have undergone, during your command. Permit us, in addressing you for the last time in your public character, to express our warmest wishes, that you may long enjoy the sweets of domestic ease and retirement, and that cordial satisfaction which must arise from a consciousness of having merited and gained the universal love of your countrymen.

General Washington.

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

Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

The order of the day, respecting the making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, was read, and postponed till Monday next.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution relative to the auditor-general, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for altering the time of holding the courts in Saint Mary's, Charles, Prince-George's, Calvert, and Worcester counties, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to unite the free-schools of Saint Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties; and the bill to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 20, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bills No. 13 and 16 were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Grahame.

The bill to establish a warehouse at Hamburg, in Saint Mary's county, was sent to the senate by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Grahame.

The order of the day being read, the house proceeded to the choice of an auditor-general, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after