

tary operation! For I am well assured, it is only by a general adoption of wise and equitable measures, that I can derive any personal satisfaction, or the public any permanent advantages, from the successful issue of the contest.

I am deeply penetrated with the liberal sentiments and wishes contained in your last address to me as a public character; and while I am bidding you a final farewell in that capacity, be assured, Gentlemen, that it will be my study in retirement, not to forfeit the favourable opinion of my fellow citizens.

G. WASHINGTON.

December.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same, together with the address to his Excellency General Washington, be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore newspapers.

Also, a petition from sundry inhabitants on South river, praying an act may pass to establish a warehouse to inspect tobacco at a place on said river commonly known by the name of the Land of Ease; a petition from Robert Wood, a languishing prisoner in Frederick county gaol, praying to be relieved therefrom; and a petition from the trustees of the poor in Frederick county, setting forth, that the poor-house of the said county is in a very ruinous condition, and praying a sum of money may be levied for the purpose of repairing the same; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to appoint a trustee to take care of the person and property of George Shipley, senior, who is insane, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By order,

"By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

And the bill to enable the commissioners of Baltimore-town to open and widen Hanover-lane, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By order,

"By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Dent.

Mr. Duckett appeared in the house.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower Eleanor Lyon, Henry Lyon, and William Canter, junior, to sell the real estate therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a petition from Thomas Butler, of the city of Annapolis, schoolmaster, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

Mr. Ridgely, of William has leave of absence.

On motion, ORDERED, That the civil list bill have a second reading to-morrow morning.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 23, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Carroll. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, That they have examined the accounts of Thomas Harwood, Esquire, treasurer of the western shore, and find, by an account settled by the committee of claims the 10th of May, 1783, there was a balance of 604 0 1 remaining in the treasury.

That it appears to your committee by the accounts of the said treasurer, he hath received since the 10th of May, 1783, the date of the last report, from the treasurer of the eastern shore,