

consider and report thereon, and that they have full power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. Hughlett has leave of absence on account of his indisposition.

Mr. John Roberts, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

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

THE committee to which was referred the petition of John Jarman, of Queen-Anne's county, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts stated in said petition, and find them true, and are therefore of opinion that the prayer of said petition be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to report an estimate of the supplies necessary for the current year, for continental and state purposes, with their opinion of the ways and means to raise the same; and that the said committee be directed to inquire and report the state of the public funds, including the amount of the debts due by and to the state, and their opinion of the practicability of funding the debts due from the state, on payment of the interest thereof annually.

The house proceeded to ballot for the said committee, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Key, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Hindman, had a majority of votes.

ORDERED, That the report by the intendant of the revenue, and the requisitions of congress, be referred to the said committee.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Mary Crudginton and Elizabeth Lopping, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 7, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county should be built, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 7, 1784: Read the second time by especial order with the proposed amendment and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the fifteenth line after the word "have" insert "or ought to have."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 7, 1784.

RESOLVED, That the president of the senate, and the speaker of the house of delegates, write joint letters to the gentlemen chosen delegates to represent this state in congress, not members of the general assembly, informing them, that their attendance in congress is immediately necessary; and that they forward the letters to the several gentlemen by express, to obtain their answers by the return of the express, signifying when they will attend congress, it being the intention of the general assembly to have an immediate representation.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Gibson.

The report on the petition of John Jarman, was read the second time and concurred with.

ORDERED, That Mr. Key be added to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of John Mackall.

Mr. Plowden has leave of absence till next Thursday week.

On motion, the question was put, That a message be prepared to the senate, proposing a conference on the subject matter of the recommendation of congress of the eighteenth day of April, 1783? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. E. Gantt.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 7, 1784.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE recommendation of congress of the 18th of April 1783, to the several states in the union, to authorize their respective delegates to subscribe and ratify an alteration in the eighth article of the confederacy, and to substitute in lieu of that article another, to make the number of inhabitants under certain modifications the measure of contribution for each state, appears to this house to be a matter of great importance to this state, and that it merits the most deliberate determination of the general assembly; and therefore we propose to your honours a conference respecting the subject, and the propriety of this state's adopting or rejecting the said recommendation. If this proposal for a conference be agreeable to your honours, we have appointed Mr.

Hall,