

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Kent county it appears, that Richard Graves, Esq; was duly elected and returned a delegate for said county. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The petitions from the several collectors of this state, were referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. M^cMechen, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

Richard Ridgely, William Smallwood, and Thomas Johnson, Esquires, having by their letters declined to act as delegates to congress, ORDERED, That a message be prepared and sent to the senate for electing delegates in the room of the above gentlemen.

Mr. G. Scott, from the committee of conference, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

M O N D A Y, December 13, 1784.

AT a conference of the two houses, to consider the recommendation of congress of the eighteenth day of April, 1783, to the several states in the union, to authorise 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; were present,

The honourable John Smith, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, James M^cHenry, and John Henry, Esquires, of the senate.

And, Samuel Chase, Philip Key, Gustavus Scott, Nicholas Carroll, and Joseph Dashiell, Esquires, of the house of delegates.

The honourable John Smith, Esquire, in the chair.

The conferrees adjourn till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 14, 1784.

THE conferrees met. Present the same members as on yesterday.

THE CONFERREES having taken into consideration the above recommendation, are unanimously of opinion, that the delegates of this state in congress be authorised by law to consent to an alteration in the eighth article of the confederation, and in place of that article to subscribe and ratify the rule recommended by congress in their resolve of the 18th of April, 1783, as part of the confederation.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass to enable the justices of Washington county to levy on the taxable inhabitants of said county a sum of money for the purpose of building a prison and finishing the court-house in said county; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Stull, and Mr. Cramphin, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Eleanor and Charlotte Frazier was preferred and read.

Mr. Hindman brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable Charles Frazier, of Caroline county, to record a deed from Thomas Noel, for two tracts of land in the said county, the one called Edmondson's Purchase, the other called Range; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M^cMechen, 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 Baltimore-town, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained and find them true, and are of opinion, that the commissioners of the said town ought to be empowered by law to comply with the prayer of said petitioners. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition and memorial from Matthew Ridley and others, of Baltimore-town, respecting the ascertaining damages on Hanover-street; a petition from Charles Steuart, administrator of John Bennett, deceased, respecting the sale of certain lands; a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, respecting the building a new market-house in said town; a petition from John Cross, of Great-Britain, praying restitution for certain confiscated British property; a petition from captain John David, praying compensation for certain property destroyed by the enemy; a petition from William Lane, of Baltimore county, respecting the sale of Scrivenor's Folly; and a petition from the executors of Augustine Washington, deceased, respecting the assignment of certain bonds; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk "

Which were read.