

endorsed; " By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
 " By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.  
 " By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.  
 And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 11, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are not less desirous to end the session than yourselves, but being persuaded that the necessary business cannot be completed by Saturday next, we do not assent to your proposal of adjourning on that day; it is more advisable, in our opinion, by setting a few days longer, to dispatch what business remains unfinished, than to postpone to a spring session the consideration of matters which may as well be discussed and decided upon now as in the spring. Frequent sessions are expensive and injurious to the public, and inconvenient to the members of the general assembly, and if not indispensable should be avoided. The conferrees appointed on the 30th day of December have not yet made any report of their proceedings; the various subjects of that conference appear to us to be of such a nature as to admit and to require a legislative decision at this session; we therefore expect that the conferrees will proceed to some conclusion on the several points referred to them; when they report the conclusions, it will take the houses some time to consider the propriety of them. We flatter our selves, that by a close attention to business, and which is material may be gone through in the course of a fortnight; at the expiration of that time, should our expectations not be disappointed, we mean to adjourn to the first Monday in November next.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Carroll, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate in answer to their message by William Perry, Esq;

Mr. Chase, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 11, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house are determined to adjourn on Saturday next to the time mentioned in our message of yesterday and think that such important business as may remain unfinished this session can then receive the decision of the legislature; and we will rather consent to a spring session, however inconvenient, than continue to sit at this time to consider the subjects of the conference, which would probably require some weeks to determine.

By order,

W. HARRWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Elzey.

George Gale, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to limit the time for bringing and settling claims against this state, endorsed; " By the senate, January 7, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to enable Sarah Parran to dispose of certain lands; and the bill for the relief of the securities of Simon Nicholls; severally endorsed; " By the senate, January 10, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for altering the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned, endorsed;

" By the senate, January 1, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the word "second" in the eighth line of the first page and insert "third." Strike out the word "third" in the twelfth line of the same page and insert "second"

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 11, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are induced to propose an amendment to the bill for altering the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned, from information that the bill, as passed by you, will exclude a gentleman of the law, who resides in Alexandria in Virginia, and practices in Prince-George's county, from attending this court or that of the county where he resides, as they will both be held on the same week in the month of April, which would be injurious not only to the practitioner, but also to those whose business is committed to him, and will also deprive a practitioner of the law, who is a member of this house, of the opportunity of finishing his business at the next eastern shore general court. These inconveniences will be remedied by the amend-