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setting forth, that they held commissions in the American army until they were disbanded in the year 1783; that they, by the wounds they received during the war, were disabled, and rendered incapable of getting a livelihood, and praying that the mode of giving relief to disabled officers, under the act of October session 1778, may be altered, and a better be adopted, endorsed; "By the senate, January 14, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 14, 1785.

GENTLEMEN,

WE propose that four commissioners be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses to meet the commissioners appointed on the part of the commonwealth of Virginia, by the resolution of their general assembly of the 28th day of June 1784, to frame such liberal and equitable regulations touching the jurisdiction and navigation of the waters of Chesapeake bay, and the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, as may be mutually advantageous to the two states, and to make report thereof to the general assembly. Conceiving it will also be proper to name a committee from both houses to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners in transacting the business to be entrusted to them, we have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Daniel Carroll, and George Gale, Esquires, to join such persons as may be named by your house for that purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

SATURDAY, January 15, 1785.

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

The memorial of Richard Anderson, Perry Benson, and James Bruff, was read and referred to Mr. Harris, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, endorsed; "By the senate, January 14, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 15, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house agree to your several amendments to the bill to regulate auctions, as prevent the sale of real property in Baltimore-town, or within one month thereof, unless at auction, and direct the penalty of the bond to be given to the auctioneer, and the time in which he shall render his account to the commissioners; but we have dissented to your proposed penalty of fifty per cent. per year on money received by the auctioneer, and not paid over as the law requires, because such penalty is excessive, and we propose to make it twenty per cent. per year. The commission allowed in the bill we think not unreasonable, and we wish it to continue three years. We return the bill, and hope your honours will recede from such amendments as this house have disagreed to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD clk.

The bill to obtain an equal valuation of the land in this state according to its actual worth, is referred to the next session of assembly.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 15, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree to your message by Samuel Hughes, Esq; respecting the appointment of commissioners from this state to meet the commissioners from Virginia, and will go into the appointment immediately by the joint ballot of both houses; and have appointed Mr. Chase, Mr. Ware, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Ridgely of William, of our house, to join the gentlemen of your house to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners in transacting the business to be entrusted to them; and Thomas Johnson, Thomas Sim Lee, John Dent, Samuel Chase, Richard Potts, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, are put in nomination to be balloted for by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, the question was put on the following:

Whereas John Johnson hath petitioned this general assembly, setting forth, that he was early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, employed as an assistant surgeon to Dr. Tootell, then surgeon to the matrosses stationed at the city of Annapolis; that in the latter end of August following, Dr. Tootell removed to Harford county, and that at the request of the governor