

“By the senate, January 15, 1785: Read the second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.”

J. DORSEY, clk.”

“By order,

Amendments proposed. In the title of the bill, strike out from the word “state” in the second line to the word “church” inclusive in the third line. In the 6th line of the first page, after the word “the” insert “ministers of the.” In the 11th line of the first page, strike out from the word “children” to the word “church” inclusive in the 12th line. In the 15th line of the first page, after the word “clergy” strike out to the word “who” in the same line and insert “afore said.” In the 14th line strike out “have agreed to enact.” In the 23d line, after the word “clergyman” insert “as may or shall hereafter be.” In the 24th line of the first page, strike out from the word “church” to the word “state” in the sixth line of the 2d page. In the 2d page and 2d line from the bottom, strike out the word “general” and insert “declared.” In the 3d page and 6th line, after the word “that” strike out to the word “corporation” in the 7th line and insert “the members of the said.” In the 7th line strike out the word “they,” and in the 8th line strike out “October” and insert “May.” In the 10th line of same page, strike out from the word “upon” to the end of the clause, and insert “for the purposes of forming such rules and regulations as may be necessary for answering and carrying into effect the pious purposes of this act, provided such rules and regulations be not repugnant to the constitution and laws of this state.” In the 3d page and second line from the bottom, strike out from the word “best” to the word “have,” and insert “shall.” In the same page and 2d line, after the word “law” strike out “and equity.” In the 4th page and 10th line, strike out from the word “children” to the end of the clause.

And also the bill to repeal part of the act for the better security of government, endorsed; “By the senate, January 15, 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 not pass.”

“By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.”

The petition of Adam Jamieson, was read the second time and referred to the intendant of the revenue to take order therein.

The house appoint Mr. Cornelius Mills sergeant at arms in the room of Mr. Robert Reynolds. ORDERED, That he be qualified as such.

The memorial of Henry Hartford, Esq; is referred to the next session of assembly. Mr. Harris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to exercise certain powers therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

## SUNDAY, January 16, 1785.

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

WHEREAS John Chever, late lieutenant in the Maryland artillery, hath petitioned the general assembly, setting forth, that in consequence of the resolve of the honourable general assembly of the eighth of December last, directing the auditor general to liquidate his accounts, he made the application directed, and was referred by the auditor to the continental commissioner for settlement, who conceives that he cannot allow him for services after the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-three, that being the day he was discharged; that he was on actual duty at Frederick-town until the fifteenth day of November, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty three, by order of the governor and council; and praying that the honourable general assembly will direct a liquidation of his pay and subsistence, from the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-three, to the fifteenth day of November in the same year, and a payment of the same; and all the same facts appearing to be true, Therefore, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be directed to audit his account for pay and subsistence, from the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-three until the fifteenth day of November in the same year, and that he have an order on the treasurer of the western shore for the amount thereof, and that the same be charged to the United States.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Johnston.

The resolution respecting the state agent was sent to the senate by Mr. Elzey. Mr. Chase, in his place, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 16, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,  
AS the senate have not been pleased to communicate, this house are not able to conjecture the reasons that influenced them to give their negative to our bill, for removing the disability on nonjurors to hold offices, or vote at elections. We adopted the measure from principles of humanity and policy; and if we have erred in judgment, we wish to be informed, and will retract our opinion. The basis of a free government is the right of the people to participate in the legislation, and this privilege is the true criterion by which to discriminate free from absolute governments. To disfranchise a number of citizens, by depriving them of the right to elect representatives, and to bind them by laws, to which they are prohibited, by law, from giving assent, is the highest exercise of legislative power, and only to be excused in extreme exigency.