

the rebuilding and repairing the alms-house and work-house of the said county; but we have not time to examine the arguments offered by your honours to prove that it is not a money bill, and shall leave this subject to future discussion.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting the state agent, endorsed; "By the senate, March 12, 1786: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 12, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to transmit to the delegates from this state in congress, the acts passed this session complying with their resolve of the 18th of April 1783, and also the act respecting the loan made by Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanitaphorffs, of Amsterdam, merchants; and that the said delegates present the same to his excellency the minister of the United Netherlands.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to answer the letters of his excellency the minister of the United Netherlands, written to the intendant, relative to the loan obtained from the merchants aforesaid, and to inform his excellency of the act aforesaid; and that the delegates are requested to deliver it into his hands.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Adams.

And also the paper bills from No. 64 to 89, severally endorsed; "By the senate March 11, 1786: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 12, 1786.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and requested to appoint one or two commissioners, to concert with the commissioners of Virginia on proper plans for light-houses, and to agree on the proper places where such light-houses ought to be erected, and to report the same to the next general assembly.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed at November session 1784, to meet commissioners from Virginia, be authorized to meet commissioners from that commonwealth, to confer on the several matters contained in the report of the commissioners of this state and Virginia, which was laid before the general assembly at this session and concurred with.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners appointed to meet those from Pennsylvania and Delaware, to confer about making a navigable canal between the two bays of Chesapeake and Delaware, and the navigation of the river Susquehanna, be authorized to confer about and agree on the imposition of similar duties on imports into this state and the said states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, and to report the result of their conference.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to write to his excellency the governor of Virginia, and to the honourable Edmund Randolph, Esquire, and to inform them, that this state having empowered the United States in congress assembled to impose duties on imports, agreeably to their resolve of the 18th of April 1783, and also having given authority to that assembly, for fifteen years, to prohibit exports to, and imports from, any country with which and the United States no treaty of commerce exists, or may be entered into, and apprehending the meeting proposed by them, though originating from the best intentions, may tend to delay the adoption of the above resolve of congress, and the vesting that assembly with proper powers to regulate trade by those states who have hitherto delayed to accede to these measures, and also that unforeseen consequences may result from such meeting, this legislature has declined to appoint commissioners for this purpose, but hath appointed commissioners to meet commissioners of Virginia for the purposes mentioned in the report aforesaid of the commissioners of Virginia and Maryland, and that our commissioners will meet the commissioners of Virginia for the purposes, at the city of Annapolis, or any other convenient place, on the first Monday in September next, or at any other time or place more agreeable to the commissioners of Virginia.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

On the second reading the said resolutions, the first and second were assented to.

On propeffion in reading the said resolutions, the question was put, That the house assent to the third resolve? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house assent to the fourth resolution? Determined in the negative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Stone.

John Henry and Thomas Stone, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and requests the attendance of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in presence of the members of both houses, viz.

No. 1. An act to approve, confirm and ratify, the compact made by the commissioners appointed by the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, and the commissioners appointed by this state, to regulate and settle the jurisdiction and navigation of Patowmack and Pocomoke rivers, and that part of Chesapeake bay which lieth within the territory of Virginia.