

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the appointment of a joint committee to consider the subject of the memorial of Matthew Ridley, Esquire, and have appointed George Gale, John Smith and Daniel Carroll, Esquires, to join the gentlemen from your house you may think proper to nominate for that purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Matthews and Mr. N. Worthington, be a committee to consider and report on the representation of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, for laying out a town at Elk-Ridge Landing by the name of Hammondsburgh.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Funk and Mr. Stull, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the western part of Washington county, and the memorial of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, for the division of the said county.

Mr. Paca, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to suspend for a time the collection of the public assessment imposed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Elizabeth-town, and others, of Washington county, praying an act may pass, appointing and authorising commissioners to lay off a road on a straight line from within one hundred perches of the stone bridge over the marsh run near Elizabeth-town, to such part of the land called Ross's Purchase, or the land called Leed's, near the mouth of Conococheague creek, as they may think proper, and that the said commissioners be empowered to call on the overseers of the highway to open and clear the same; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Stull, Mr. Funk and Mr. Cellars, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of the reverend Henry Addison; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass for laying out a town at the mouth of Conococheague creek on the river Patowmack, were preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Oneale and Mr. T. Johnson, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Thomas, the late collector of the tax for Talbot county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find the allegations therein contained are true, and are of opinion that the great scarcity of cash has been the cause of the said Thomas's not having made the said collection in time, and that he ought to have further time to complete the same. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson, executors of the testament and last will of John Cadwalader, of Kent county, lately deceased, beg leave to report, that they have considered the said petition, and are satisfied of the truth of the facts therein stated, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

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GENTLEMEN,

WE cheerfully accede to the proposition contained in your message of this day by Mr. Stone, to appoint by a joint ballot of both houses seven deputies, to meet the deputies from the other states in the convention proposed to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the month of May next. This measure appears to us to be of the utmost importance, and most likely, with the least delay, to vest in the federal government those powers which are so necessary to give strength and stability to the union. As the deputies must be clothed with ample authority, we think it would be proper, previously to their appointment, to determine in a conference of both houses the nature and extent of their powers. The subject is important and delicate, and requires the united wisdom of the legislature, and cannot, in our judgments, be so well discussed in any other manner as in a joint conference of both houses. In the same conference it may likewise be expedient to consider the propriety of appointing five commissioners from this state, to meet the commissioners from the commonwealths of Virginia and Pennsylvania, for the purpose of communicating the regulations of commerce and duties proposed in this state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of the said states.

We therefore propose a conference upon these subjects, and if you accede to the proposition, we will appoint three members, to confer with such members of your house as you may think proper to nominate for the purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for marking and bounding lands; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Lambert Cadwalader and Philemon Dickinson, executors of John Cadwalader, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr.