

property, and occasions confusion among the proprietors thereof, and praying an act may pass empowering commissioners to direct the survey of said town, establishing bounds on the main streets, &c. with an allowance for the variation, so as not to incommode the present buildings; expences to be paid by the petitioners and others who may be benefited therefrom; was preferred, read, and referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

The bill to establish a company and incorporate the same for the insurance of dwelling houses and other buildings from loss or damage by fire, was read the second time and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative; so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Stone.

The engrossed bills from No. 1 to 41 inclusive, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Quynn.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 18, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, by their message on Monday last, requested your honours to make the necessary preparations for closing the session on the day following, as we had resolved to adjourn to the 20th day of March next. Not having received any answer to our message, and being extremely anxious to rise this evening, we request that the necessary preparations may be made for sealing the bills which have received the assent of both branches of the legislature.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplement to an act concerning the stock of the bank of England belonging to this state. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Stone and Mr. Joshua Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E						
Messieurs	De Butts,	M <sup>r</sup> Pherfon,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Jackson,	Walker,
	Perkins,	Stone,	Pattison,	Jenings,	Henry,	Hardcastle,
	Miller,	Owings,	R. Bond,	Paca,	T. Johnson,	Hollingsworth,
	J. Johnson,	Cockey,	Wallace,	John Seney,	Norris,	M <sup>r</sup> Mechen,
	Harwood,	Sherwood,	Matthews,	Joshua Seney,	Love,	Cellars. 33.
	B. Worthington,	Stevens,	Bravard,			
N E G A T I V E.						
M <sup>r</sup>	Gantt,	F. Bowie,	Digges,	Burgefs,	Oneale,	Nicholls. 9.
	W. Bowie,	R. Bowie,	Funk,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Harwood.

Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

Upon a second reading of the report on the petition of John O'Donnel, of Baltimore county, RESOLVED, That the naval officer for the fourth district be authorized and directed to return to the said John O'Donnel the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money, if the same is now in his hands; and in case the said naval officer has paid the same to the treasurer, that in that case the said John O'Donnel shall be allowed the said sum of money in any duties that he may hereafter have to pay.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill, No. 42, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate with the paper bill thereof by Mr. Wallace.

The additional supplement to an act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass; so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Faw.

The journal of accounts, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Faw.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts. ORDERED, That Mr. Faw, Mr. Dent and Mr. John Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared and read, was agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 18, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

MR. Jeremiah Townley Chase and Mr. James Brice having had an equal number of votes on the election of the council, and the former returned to this house the first on the list, and the latter returned to the senate as first on the said list, it becomes a doubtful question which ought to be considered the president of the council; we therefore propose immediately to determine by ballot which of the said gentlemen shall be the president; and have appointed Mr. Dent, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wallace, to examine the ballot boxes on your concurrence in opinion with us.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Holmes.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Matthew Ridley, RESOLVED, That this house are of opinion, that the said Matthew Ridley, in the execution of his commission as agent for this state, to negotiate a loan in Europe, and to purchase military stores, has conducted himself with diligence and fidelity.

RESOLVED,