

the payment of the money due on his bond to the state, and have his title to the said land confirmed. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. F. Bowie has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

BY THE SENATE, MAY 12, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have acceded to the amendment made by you to the bill, originated in this house, repealing all the acts or parts of acts repugnant to the treaty of peace, because we conceive the bill, as altered, to be substantially the same with the one proposed by congress, and adopted by us. We cannot however silently pass over your departure from the usual mode of proceeding in altering the title of the bill; forms are necessary to the transacting of public business with propriety and dispatch, if disregarded confusion will ensue; a deviation on your part from parliamentary usage, may warrant similar deviations on ours. Although in disregarding the form, you have complied with the substance of the requisition of congress, by declaring the late treaty of peace between the United States and his Britannic majesty to be the supreme law within this state, and that it shall be so considered and adjudged in all courts of law and equity; still we think it would have been better, for the sake of uniformity, to have adopted the bill proposed by congress, and originated in this house. The session has been spun out much beyond our expectation, and very little business of a public nature has been concluded on. We are anxious to rise, and very unwilling to go into a conference on a matter which may be delayed, without materially injuring the public, to the fall session. We wish you had pointed out, in your message of yesterday by Mr. Hopewell, which of our amendments to the bill for the relief of insolvent debtors you had agreed to, and which you had rejected, we then might have formed an opinion whether a conference would probably answer any good purpose. Some of the amendments, under our present impressions and way of thinking, we shall not recede from. The bill, even as amended, has not our hearty approbation; we are apprehensive, notwithstanding the alterations and corrections it has undergone in this house, that it will open the door to many frauds, which future legislatures, no doubt, will endeavour to restrain as much as possible, with what success we will not undertake to determine. To avoid the frequent applications of insolvent debtors to the general assembly to be discharged from confinement; to remove the evil of long imprisonments, seldom productive of any benefit to creditors, and always injurious to the morals or the health of the persons confined; and to prevent the repetition of many abuses practised under the late law for the relief of insolvent debtors, we passed your bill, after we had amended such parts of it as appeared most exceptionable and liable to be abused. However, being always open to conviction, and ever ready to relieve that class of indigent citizens, who, from misfortune and casualties, rather than from misconduct and extravagance, are so much involved in debt as to be obliged to surrender all their property for the use and benefit of their creditors, we will not refuse the proposed conference, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, John Hall, William Perry and Richard Ridgely, Esquires, to meet the conferrees of your house at twelve o'clock this evening.

We most earnestly intreat you to dispatch the public business, that we may return to our homes as soon as possible, and for this reason only we decline going into a conference upon the subject matter of your message by Mr. Quynn, but are ready to consider any propositions which may be offered to us by you on the business referred to in said message.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

Also a memorial from Samuel Chase, praying that upon surrendering up all his property for the use of his creditors, he may be discharged from all former debts, endorsed; "By the senate, May 12, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

Mr. Loockerman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and to suspend the erecting of the public buildings in Caroline county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Belain Pofey, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to empower the treasurers to grant new certificates in certain cases? Resolved in the affirmative; and thereupon, ORDERED, That Mr. Stone, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from John Bracco, of Talbot county, of the 8th instant, notifying the death of the register of wills of said county, and offering himself as a candidate for said office; which was read.

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