

The question was then put, That the house assent to the said resolution as proposed to be amended?  
Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. J. Tilghman, Mr. W. Tilghman and Mr. Potts, be a committee to prepare a message in answer to the message from the senate of the third instant by George Gale, Esquire.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. S. Miller appeared in the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and after examining witnesses on behalf of the sitting members, referred the same for further consideration till to-morrow morning.

Mr. Duvall has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 6, 1788.

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

A petition from Bennett Hamilton, praying the commissioners of the tax for Charles county may be empowered to make him such allowance for insolvencies, as may appear to them to have existed antecedent to the time that he was possessed of the books of collection, as security for a certain Edward Green, junior, deputy-sheriff and collector for Charles Mankin, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dent, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. O'Neale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying that the act, entitled, An act to alter the place for holding elections for delegates to the general assembly in Baltimore county, may be repealed, and that the elections for delegates for Baltimore county may, in future, be held at the court-house of said county in Baltimore-town, was preferred and read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Patrick Edwards, of Kent county, beg leave to report, that they have taken said petition into their consideration, and are satisfied by the vouchers produced, that said Patrick is son and heir of Bridget Edwards, deceased, to whom Anne Bourke, by her last will and testament, dated the 18th of October, 1762, devised her real estate, and also that said Patrick is the person to whom Edmund Bourke, by his last will and testament, dated the 7th of March, 1787, devised all his real estate in Kent county; and that said Patrick Edwards did, shortly after his arrival in this country, take the oath of fidelity to this state, in open court at Chester-town, in the county of Kent. Your committee have good information that the whole property, part only in which the said Anne Bourke and Edward Bourke had a right, consists of a house and four or five lots in George-town, on Sassafras river, the net annual value whereof does not exceed fifteen pounds a year. Your committee are of opinion that that part of the property aforesaid, claimed by the petitioner by descent from his mother Bridget Edwards, being one third part, comes within the confiscation laws of this state, said Edwards being absent till last December, but that no notice has been taken of it as such;—and that the right of the petitioner to the part of said property claimed under the will of Edward Bourke, being one third and one sixth parts thereof, may be questioned, on the supposition of his being an alien at the time of the devise, and therefore liable to be escheated. On the whole, your committee recommend said petitioner to the clemency of the legislature,—and that a law may pass, securing to him all the right he might claim to the property aforesaid, under the will and by descent as before mentioned; saving to all others any right they may claim under said wills. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that they lost a considerable quantity of salt on the 24th day of July last, by the high tide at that time, and praying that the duties paid, or bonded for to be paid, may be returned or remitted; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Potts, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Coulter and Mr. Polk, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the creditors of Anthony Stewart. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. J. Tilghman and Mr. Chase, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. W. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 6, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE received your message of the third instant, with the resolution accompanying it, respecting the choice of senators to represent this state in the senate of the United States.

Although we are extremely anxious to do every thing which may tend to dispatch the business of the session, yet we think so important an election cannot, with propriety, be gone into on an earlier day than Tuesday next. We agree with you in the principles of your resolution, and have only proposed one amendment as to the time of the election, and another to explain a part which does not appear to us sufficiently clear.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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