

M O N D A Y, December 21, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Lowes, Mr. Still and Mr. J. Tilghman. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Saint-Mary's county court. ORDERED, That Mr. Hopewell, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Banckes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise one justice of the peace to determine in case of small debts, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state be directed to print one thousand copies of the bill for the better administration of justice, to be sent to the sheriffs of the several counties to be equally distributed.

The engrossed bill No. 26, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Freeland.

On motion, Leave given to bring in an additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the power of the high court of chancery. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Furnell and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of the securities of John Ward Veazey, collector of the state taxes for the year 1786, in Cæcil county, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of personal property within this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill No. 26, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1789: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

And also the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

THE season being far advanced, and the present session having been spun out to a considerable length, we earnestly request that you will dispatch the public business that may be now before you, for this house have come to the resolution of adjourning on Wednesday to the first Monday of November next.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

And the following message, and address to the president of the United States.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 20, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have made some alterations in the address to the president of the United States, draughted by the joint committee of both houses. If these alterations should meet with your approbation, we concur in the mode mentioned in your message by Mr. Hollingsworth of presenting it to the president.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

WE, the general assembly of Maryland, avail ourselves of the first occasion afforded us, since your election to the office of president of the United States, of expressing to you our gratitude for accepting that truly honourable, yet arduous station, and of mingling our congratulations with those of our country on this auspicious event.

With pleasure we anticipate the blessings which these states will derive from the firmness and wisdom of your administration. The past proofs of your respect for the rights of your fellow-citizens, amidst the din of arms and rage of war, are a sure pledge that these rights will be equally respected and cherished by you in peace.

In this place, from which we now address you, our predecessors lately saw the affecting scene of their patriot chief resigning his military command, having fully accomplished its glorious ends.

The lapse of a few years having proved the inadequacy of the late confederacy to the attainment of its objects, it affords subject of the most pleasing reflection, that in the change which became necessary to the safety and welfare of the people of America, the president of the United States should be the same person to whom they were indebted for a long series of the most important, glorious and disinterested services.

This people have unanimously called upon you to preside over their common councils, under a well founded hope, that having asserted their independence by your skill in war, your wisdom and firmness in peace will avert the dangers of civil discord, and establish their union on so firm a basis that it will endure to the latest ages.

We reflect on these things with gratitude, and that for you the singular happiness was reserved of being twice the favourer of your country.

May that kind providence, whose protection you have frequently experienced in the midst of many and great dangers, direct your measures, and long preserve a life, in the preservation of which such numbers feel themselves so deeply interested.

Which were read.