

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act proposing to the creditors of this state to subscribe to the loan proposed by the congress of the United States, and respecting the mode of payment of certain debts due to this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act directing new trials in certain cases where judgments shall be reversed on appeal or writ of error; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message, being prepared, was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate, with the resolution in favour of Samuel Chase, Esquire, by Mr. Ridgely.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, at the request of Samuel Chase, Esquire, agent for the recovery of the bank stock, have reconsidered his memorial, and after hearing him at our bar, have come to the resolution which we now send your honours for your concurrence. We are of opinion that the conditional stipulation in the commission with Mr. Chase, can only be considered as a compensation to him for services performed by him within the trusts and powers committed to him, and cannot extend to or exclude any services rendered by him to the state independent of his trust, and without any power derived from the same, under which he was appointed. This house are fully satisfied, on consideration of the law under which Mr. Chase was appointed agent, that he was not intrusted or empowered to defend or prosecute any suit in the court of chancery of Great-Britain respecting the bank stock. Under this impression, we think justice entitles Mr. Chase to receive from the state a reasonable compensation for his professional services in defending and prosecuting the suits in the chancery court of Great-Britain respecting the bank stock, and that this state is bound, in justice, to defray his reasonable expences during his stay in England for that purpose. It appears by the journals that the general assembly, at November session, 1784, declared, that Mr. Chase, in his agency, had manifested great zeal, fidelity, diligence and ability, and a vigilant attention to the honour and interest of this government, and that his conduct, as agent, merited, and therefore had, the approbation of the general assembly. We think the compensation we have proposed reasonable, and we hope it will meet with the approbation of the senate.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The following message being prepared, was read the first and second time and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1790.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have, at the request of the delegates from Harford, returned the bill for laying a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, for the purpose of its being reconsidered by the senate. Although it does not appear that notice of the application, on which this bill is founded, has been given as directed by the resolution of 1779, yet it is stated to us that a majority of the people are desirous that such a bill should pass, and that the deficiency of the funds is generally known in the county. We are induced to pass this bill the more readily on account of the present situation of the public buildings, and from an apprehension that if an addition to the funds is postponed to next session, it will be necessary to grant a larger sum than is now demanded. Should the buildings be permitted to remain in their now unfinished state for two winters, which must happen if this bill is rejected, it is highly probable that the work already done will either be injured beyond remedy, or at best require expensive repairs; we therefore hope the bill will receive the assent of your house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The supplement to the act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Pinkney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

On considering the memorial of Elizabeth Dorsey, executrix of Thomas Dorsey, and the peculiar and distressing situation of the memorialist and her family, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be authorized and directed to cancel all the bonds, now being in the treasury, given by Thomas Dorsey, deceased, and payable to this state, on which any sums of money may be due.

Which was read.

The bill directing new trials in certain cases where judgments shall be reversed on appeal or writ of error, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the supplement to the act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes, and the message and bill to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, by Mr. Chaille.

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to settle with, and grant certificates for depreciation of pay unto, the following persons, viz. John Dorrent, late a soldier in the 7th Maryland regiment, Andrew Hagerty, late a soldier of the 6th Maryland regiment, and the legal representatives of James Quay, late a soldier in the first Maryland regiment, in the same manner and on the same terms that depreciation of pay hath been heretofore granted to the troops of this state serving in the armies of the United States.

On the second reading the bill to allow the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal a further time to complete the same, and to extend the number of shares to thirty shares, the question was put; That the state subscribe eight shares for the purpose of opening the navigation of the said river? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ringgold, appeared as follow: