

THE committee to whom was referred the letter from the governor of Virginia to the governor of this state, on the subject of disposing of the materials formerly provided for the erection of a light-house on the head land of Cape Henry, report, That they have considered the subject of the said letter, and recommend the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take such measures as they shall think proper, in concert with the government of Virginia, for the disposal of the materials formerly provided for the erection of a light-house on the head land of Cape Henry, in which this state has an interest. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein assented to.

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

THE committee to whom it was referred to consider and report upon the papers relative to the suit brought by Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst against this state, and the letter from the agent of Messieurs Vanstaphorst to the governor, report, that on consideration of the subject referred to them, they are of opinion the state should immediately appear to the action of Messieurs Vanstaphorst, and should pay the interest due on the loan of 270,000 florins, negotiated by the late Mr. Ridley. The committee are further of opinion, that, as this debt was contracted for the purpose of carrying on the late war against the common enemy, it would be proper to instruct our senators in congress to procure an assumption by the United States of the debt due on the said loan; the committee therefore recommend the following resolutions :

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed to take measures for entering an appearance to and defending the suit brought against this state by Messieurs Vanstaphorst, and that they have power to employ such attorneys, counsel and agents, as they may think proper, and draw orders on the treasurer of the western shore for such sums as may, in their opinion, be necessary for this purpose.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby directed to ascertain the amount of the interest due on the loan of two hundred and seventy thousand florins, negotiated for this state by the late Mr. Ridley, computed to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, reckoning the same on the principles of simple interest, and estimating the money paid by the state at the rate of three shillings current money for each florin; and that the treasurer of the western shore pay the said order out of the money now in the treasury lately under appropriation for the payment of the said interest.

RESOLVED, That the senators of this state, in the congress of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to use their endeavours to obtain an assumption by the United States of the debt due on the loan negotiated for this state, by the late Mr. Ridley, with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst; and that the president of the senate, and speaker of the house of delegates, be requested to communicate this resolution to the said senators. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order

L. VALLETTE, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolutions therein assented to.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to condemn land, if necessary, for the public buildings of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The bill for appointing commissioners to contract for and purchase the Indian Lands in Dorchester county, and for appropriating the same to the use of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1790: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

The resolution providing funds for the purpose of erecting the federal buildings, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 19, 1790: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

And the additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and for establishing a second inspection in Frederick county, at the town of Berlin, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 18, 1790: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

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

M O N D A Y, December 20, 1790.

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

A memorial from Robert Amos, of Harford county, former collector of the tax for Harford county, praying an allowance for insolvencies, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, of William, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Goldborough, to consider and report thereon.