

ascertained by the commissioners for the settling the accounts between the United States and the individual states, and a letter from John Callahan, register of the land-office, of the 12th instant, enclosing an account of taxes received by him agreeably to an act creating them, passed last session; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1793: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

And a memorial from Henry Harford, late proprietor, stating, that he was a minor during the late war between Great-Britain and America, and that he sustained a loss of property which produced an annual net revenue of twelve thousand five hundred pounds sterling; that upon the restoration of peace he embarked for Annapolis, where he resided upwards of two years; in confidence that on a personal application he should be restored his losses; and that others similarly circumstanced, in Pennsylvania, have received compensation for their loss of property, and praying relief in the premises, endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1793: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk."

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

F R I D A Y, November 22, 1793.

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

The bill to increase the allowance to jurymen of the general court, and the several county courts in this state, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. James O'Bryon, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Ridgely is excused for absenting himself without leave.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the representation of the judges of the high court of appeals, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find, that the constitution and form of government of this state does not provide that the court of appeals should be constituted of any fixed number of judges, and the constitution of the said court was left to the legislature of the state; that the general assembly, by a resolution passed at February session, 1777, directed, that the court should be constituted of five judges, with power to any three or more of them to hear and determine all appeals and writs of error from inferior jurisdictions; that five judges were accordingly appointed and commissioned, and they continued to act until the death of James Murray, Esquire, one of the judges, which happened some time in the year 1783 or 1784.

That the general assembly, (by letter, as the committee are informed, but which they now cannot find,) directed the governor and council not to fill any vacancy in the said court until the number of judges should be reduced below the number three; that some time afterwards, Solomon Wright, Esquire, another of the judges of the said court, died, and the power and authority of the said court being originally given to five judges, or any three or more of them, the attendance of all three is required to pass any judgment or decree.

The committee, with respect to that part of the representation of the said judges relative to the number of which the court should be constituted, do not see the necessity of increasing the number. They are of opinion, that the court of appeals should be composed of three judges, with power and authority to any two of them to determine in all cases of appeal.

The committee are also of opinion, that the court ought to be vested by law with all the power and authority which the judges of the general court have, as to the enforcing the execution of their process, and punishing for contempts; and that the judges have power to appoint a messenger or crier to said court.

The committee are of opinion, that the present salary of the judges of the court of appeals is inadequate, and not in proportion to the high trust reposed in them, and that the salary to each of the said judges ought to be increased to the sum of five hundred pounds per annum.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order, J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jones, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in Dorchester and Somerset counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill for the relief of Walter Smith, and the bill to enable the inhabitants of Saint-John's parish, lying in Queen-Anne's and Caroline counties, to elect vestrymen and churchwardens for said parish, were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing communications from the secretary of the treasury, and the letter from John Callahan, register of the land-office, were read.

The memorial of Henry Harford, was read, and referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Seneby, Mr. Crabb and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

The amendment to the resolution in favour of Edward Downes, was read the first and second time, and agreed to.