

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Johnson be added to the committee on the communications from the lieutenant-governor of the state of Massachusetts, and also from the governor of Virginia.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts on Friday morning next.

On the second reading the report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, the question was put, That the house assent to the first resolution in said report? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the house assent to the second resolution in said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the house assent to the last resolution in said report? Determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to prevent vexatious and unnecessary suits at law, endorsed;

" By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

" By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time and will not pass.

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

And the resolution respecting the securities of Thomas Williams, endorsed; " By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

" By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time and assented to with the proposed amendment.

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

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "requested" in the 11th line to the word "otherwise" inclusive in the 16th line, and insert "to make such decree as under all circumstances he shall think just and equitable, provided that the original books of Thomas Williams, and the books of the securities, shall be produced to the chancellor."

And the following message:

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have offered an amendment to your resolution in favour of the securities of Thomas Williams, which we hope will meet your approbation.

It is our wish that the chancellor should not be restrained to the single object pointed out by the resolution as it stands at present. We apprehend, that although the point of law should be determined in favour of the securities of Williams, there may be equitable circumstances in favour of the state, which the chancellor should be permitted to take into consideration. To give him this discretion is the sole object of our amendment.

By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

Which were read, and the amendment agreed to.

Mr. Crabb, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state strike immediately five hundred copies of the militia bill, for the information of the people.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting Talbot Shipley, endorsed; " By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

" By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time and assented to.

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

The bill to repeal the fifty-sixth section of the constitution, endorsed; " By the senate, December 24, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

" By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

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

And the bill for the benefit of John Hayman Nicholls, endorsed; " By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

" By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

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

Amendment proposed. After the word "negroes" in the fourteenth line, insert "upon his coming into this state with a bona fide intention of residing and settling therein, as a citizen thereof."

Which was read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution respecting the property on Whetstone Point, in Baltimore county, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the petition of Matthew Moore, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.