

By THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND, 18th December, 1793.
 To the Honourable JOHN HENRY, RICHARD POTTS, GEORGE DENT, JOHN FRANCIS MERCER, URIAH FORREST, THOMAS SPRIGG, SAMUEL SMITH, GABRIEL CHRISTIE, WILLIAM HINDMAN, and WILLIAM VANS MURRAY, GENTLEMEN,

THE extreme distress of the French citizens driven from Saint Domingo by the horrors of war, and the destruction of their capital, to seek an asylum in this state, has imposed a heavy and unequal burthen on our citizens, particularly on the inhabitants of Baltimore-town. To remove the inequality of this expence, the legislature has granted the sum of five hundred dollars per week, from the first day of December, instant, to the second day of February ensuing, under the firm persuasion, that congress, before the expiration of that time, will make effectual provision for the relief and support of these unfortunate exiles, during their continuance in this country. Such is our reliance on the humanity and justice of congress, that we cannot doubt its readiness, on a representation of these facts, to ease this state from a disproportionate share of the aforesaid expence, and grant of money, and to refund the surplus advanced beyond our just proportion. We request, gentlemen, your earliest and earnest attention to this subject, and immediate intercession with congress for the relief of these unhappy sufferers, whose urgent wants, and deep distress, are well known to those of you, as also their peaceable demeanour and meritorious conduct since their arrival in this state.

By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.
 The following message :

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

BEING of opinion that it is unnecessary, by separate applications to our senators and representatives in congress, to request them to use their endeavours to obtain from that honourable body immediate relief for the unhappy French exiles from St. Domingo, and repayment of part of the money advanced by the legislature for their temporary support, we have thought it advisable to negative your draughts on this subject, and have modelled the two into one, which we herewith transmit for your approbation.

By order, W. PERRY, jun. clk.

Which was read.

The instructions to the senators of the United States, 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 28, 1793: Read the second time and dissented to.

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

The instructions to the representatives in congress, 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 28, 1793: Read the second time and dissented to.

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

And the resolution in favour of Robert Long, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 28, 1793: Read the second time and dissented to.

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

The resolution in favour of Martha Howard, endorsed; "By the senate, December 28, 1793: Read the first and second time by especial order and dissented to.

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

And the resolution respecting the property on Whetstone Point, endorsed; "By the senate, December 25, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 28, 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 "and" in the third line to the word "thereon" in the tenth line inclusive.

Which was read the first and second time, and agreed to.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report, as amended:

THE committee to whom were referred the communications from Christopher Richmond, Esquire, the agent to settle the accounts of this state with the United States, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion that the agent has discharged the trust reposed in him with ability, diligence, and a faithful attention to the interests of this state, and merits the thanks of the general assembly, and that the conduct of Mr. John Wright, his assistant, has been such as entitles him to the approbation of the state of Maryland; they therefore submit the following resolution: