

plated by your resolutions, which has led them, so explicitly, to decline a compliance with your wish.

With the highest consideration,

We have the honour to remain

Your Obd't. Serv't.

DANIEL MARTIN.

Mr. Yoe again appeared in the house, and resumed his seat.

Mr. Chapman reported a bill, entitled, *An act for the benefit of Horatio Claggett, of Alexandria*; which was read the first, and by special order the second time, and passed.

And Mr. Chapman reported a bill, entitled, *An act for the benefit of John Contee Keith*; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Tilghman, the house took up for consideration the bill from the senate, entitled, *An act for the relief of Thomas Murphey, of Queen-Anne's county*.

The amendment reported by the committee to said bill having been read a second time, was assented to.

The bill was then read a second time and passed with the proposed amendment.

The bill reported by Mr. Merrick, entitled, *A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for amending and reducing into system, the laws and regulations concerning last wills and testaments, the duties of executors, administrators, and guardians, and the rights of orphans, and other representatives of deceased persons, passed at November session 1798, chapter 101*, was taken up for consideration,

When Mr. Burchenal moved to amend the 1st section of the bill by striking out in the 13th line of said section, the word "sheriff," and insert in lieu thereof the words "register of wills."

On the question being put on striking out, it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Turner moved to strike out the word "sheriff," and insert in lieu thereof the words "some proper persons."

The question was again put on striking out. Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Blakistone moved to postpone said bill indefinitely.

On the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour for taking up the order of the day having arrived,