

Mr. Chase found room for the display of his oratorical abilities in support of this his favorite project; he had probably studied it well, as he produced several instances from the ancient Jewish establishment in its behalf, and seemed perfectly convinced of the inability of any of his opponents, to reason with him on the subject.

He was answered very ably by Mr. Leatherbury, a member for Kent County.

It may justly be doubted, however, whether the rhetoric of either of these gentlemen, had so much influence on the members, as to change the sentiments which they already entertained.

A better reason, perhaps, was, according to Sterne, that they were predetermined not to pass it, so that on a division it was thrown out by 41 votes against 21.

Thus was this matter concluded, much to the satisfaction of the greater part of the people throughout the State, who had just began to taste the sweets of religious liberty, and were by no means willing to be put in a situation, any way similar to that, from which they had been so happily freed.

On the 21st a bill was brought in and passed by the House of Delegates, and afterwards by the Senate, to approve and ratify the compact, made by commissioners from Virginia and this State, regulating the jurisdiction of Chesapeake Bay, Potomack River, &c.

These commissioners had met in Virginia in March, 1785, and had agreed to several useful regulations, by which vessels of either State were enabled to make use of the rivers and harbours in both, without any toll or hindrance, the payment of duties by merchant vessels was settled, and several other important objects were put on the most proper and equitable footing.—Commissioners are appointed to meet at Annapolis, from several of the States this summer, in order to establish such further regulations in our commerce as may be found suitable to the general interest—A measure highly necessary and from which the greatest advantages may be expected.

On the next day Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; then Intendant, delivered a report of his office, containing an account of the revenue, its different kinds, our resources and the demands on the State.—This report contained many matters of so intricate a nature, and indeed the whole system of finance, and

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