

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1785.

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hereafter be left unprovided for by congress, and that such compact, when made, be laid before congress for their approbation; and that such compact, if approved, should continue until mutually dissolved by the two states, or until congress shall declare that such compact ought no longer to exist.

2. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that if the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia concur in making such application to congress, the delegates from this state to congress be authorized and requested to make such application on behalf of this state, in conjunction with the delegates from the commonwealth of Virginia, to congress, or with such other persons as the legislature of Virginia shall appoint for that purpose.

3. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that foreign gold and silver coin, received in the two states as the current money thereof, should pass in the two governments at the same value, according to its fineness and weight; and that, if the species of coin could be regulated at the same nominal value, it would be of great convenience to the commerce between the citizens of the two states.

4. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the damages on foreign bills of exchange protested, ought to be the same in both states, and that foreign protested bills of exchange should be considered, in all cases and to all purposes, as of equal rank with debts upon contract in writing, signed by the party.

5. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that draughts by the merchants of either state upon those of the other, in the nature of inland bills of exchange, should be subject by law to official protest by a notary public, and that the damages for non payment should be the same in both states.

6. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that it is essential to the commerce and revenue of the commonwealth of Virginia, and of this state, that duties on imports or exports (if laid) should be the same in both states; and that it is proper for the legislatures of the said states, at their annual meeting in the autumn, to appoint commissioners to meet and communicate the regulations of commerce and duties proposed by each state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of both states, and within the power of the respective states; and that the number of the said commissioners should be equal, not less than three nor more than five, from each state; and that they should annually meet in the third week of September, if required by the legislature of either state or the commissioners thereof, at such place as they should appoint.

7. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions, should be communicated to the legislatures of Delaware and Pennsylvania; and that they be requested to nominate commissioners for the purpose expressed in the sixth resolution, and that his excellency the governor be requested to transmit immediately copies of the said resolutions to those states.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 23, 1785.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Key, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for founding a college on the western shore of this state, and constituting the same, together with Washington college on the eastern shore, into one university, by the name of The University of Maryland, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 19, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 22, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the engrossed bill No. 1, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 23, 1785: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Ennalls, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 23, 1785.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE shall be ready to go into the appointment of members to congress to-morrow at twelve o'clock, agreeable to your message of yesterday by Daniel Carroll, Esq;

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolutions respecting an application to congress for leave to form a compact between this state and Virginia, for a naval protection on that part of Chesapeake bay and Patowmack river, which may be unprovided for by congress; also respecting an appointment of commissioners to confer on regulations of commerce between the two states, and also respecting the governor's communicating the said resolves to the states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, and requesting them to join in the measure; were read and assented to, and, with the paper bill No. 1, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1785: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to," sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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