

of Maryland against Charles Steuart, of Anne-Arundel county, was held by Robert Smith in trust for the late Sir Robert Eden, deceased, and shall certify such opinion in writing to the treasurer.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, was read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendment.

Amendment proposed. Second page, 9th line, after the word "unfold" insert as follows: "Except the property of Edmund Jenings, of the city of London, and of Thomas Digges, formerly of Maryland, but now residing in Europe."

On motion, the following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and with the last mentioned bill and amendment, together with the resolution in favour of James Hutchings, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have offered an amendment to the bill for appointing an agent for the year 1794, in favour of Edmund Jenings and Thomas Digges; these gentlemen were notoriously well affected to the American revolution, and consequently not within the spirit of the confiscation law. If any person has acquired a right under the existing laws, by lodging an information for the discovery of this property, our amendment does not deprive him of it, we only forbid our agent to sell it for our use.

By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the bill, entitled, An act relative to appeals to be prosecuted, or injunctions to be obtained, by executors or administrators, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 28, 1793: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution respecting the suability of a state, was read the first and second time by especial order, and dissented to.

On motion, the following message was prepared, read and agreed to, and with the last mentioned resolution, was sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented from your resolution respecting the suability of a state, for want of time to give it due consideration. It is an important question, which has occasioned great diversity of opinion among men of the first abilities. We do not consider the object so immediately urgent as to justify a continuance of the session merely on that account. We therefore think it best to let it lie over to the next session.

By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 28, 1793: Read the first and second time and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which was read the first and second time, and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 28, 1793: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The paper bills from No. 1 to 63, (except No. 10, 11, 14, 16, 29, 30, 34, 35, 45, 53, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60,) were sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

RESOLVED, That all further proceedings on the bill filed in the chancery court on behalf of the state, to obtain a sale of the real estate of Benjamin Brookes, deceased, be suspended until the thirty-first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-five.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this general assembly be and they are hereby given to Christopher Richmond, agent appointed to settle the accounts of this state with the United States, and to his assistant John Wright, for the ability, diligence, and faithful attention to the interests of this state, with which they have discharged the trusts reposed in them.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1793.

Whereas by the third section of the declaration of rights, it is declared, among other things, that the inhabitants of Maryland are entitled to the benefit of such of the English statutes as existed at the time of their first emigration, and which by experience have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and of such others as have been since made in England or Great-Britain, and have been introduced, used and practised, by the courts of law or equity: And whereas it is not generally known by the people of this state, which of the English statutes existed at the time