

point members of this house to join in committee with such members of your house as may be named by you for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 21, 1786.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gantt appeared in the house. Mr. Owings has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

Mr. Love brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm unto Abraham Reese, of Harford county, his title in a moiety of a tract of land called West's Favour; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Oneale, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

**T**HE committee to whom was referred the petition of Otho Holland Williams, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion the laying out a town at the mouth of Conococheague creek, may be convenient and advantageous to the public, and therefore recommend that leave be given to bring in a bill to appoint commissioners for that purpose. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The message respecting Matthew Ridley, Esquire, was sent to the senate by Mr. Harwood.

A petition from Charles Mankin, of Charles county, was preferred and read.

Mr. Stone brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

**O**N consideration of a letter of the 1st of December instant, from his excellency the governor of Virginia, this house are of opinion, that seven deputies ought to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses, to a convention to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the month of May next, for the purpose of revising the federal constitution. And this house are also of opinion, that five commissioners ought to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses, to meet commissioners from the commonwealth of Virginia and Pennsylvania, and to communicate to them the regulations of commerce and duties proposed in this state, and to confer on such subjects as may concern the commercial interests of the said states, and are within the power of the respective states.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Stone.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to examine and report on the petition of Margaret Hudson, administratrix of Jonathan Hudson, deceased.

**Y**OUR committee beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the facts set forth in the petition of the said Margaret Hudson, and find that the said Jonathan Hudson had in his possession at the Head of Elk, in the month of January, 1778, ninety-one barrels of beef, which were seized for the use of the army by a commissary Wright; that the said Jonathan Hudson received no compensation for the same in his life-time, or the widow since his decease. Your committee further report, that they are of opinion that the said Margaret Hudson is entitled to compensation; they therefore recommend, that the auditor-general be authorized to settle with the said Margaret Hudson, and grant her a certificate for the sum due, and that the amount of the said claim be charged to the United States. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

Thomas Stone, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to direct debts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 8, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 21, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

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

Also petitions from sundry inhabitants of the western part of Washington county, and a memorial from Thomas Beall, of Samuel, of the same county, praying an act may pass to divide the said county; a representation from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass to condemn the ground leased by colonel Charles Hammond at Elk-Ridge Landing, for a town to be called Hammondsburgh; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

And the following message: