

Mr. Corbin reported, according to order, the amendments agreed to yesterday, by the Committee of the whole House, to the bill for regulating and fixing the salaries of the officers of civil government; and he read the same in his place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the bill with the amendments, be engrossed and read the third time.

The orders of the day, for the House to proceed by joint ballot with the Senate, to the choice of a Commissioner to settle with one appointed or to be appointed by Congress, the expences incurred by this State in acquiring and defending the Western territory—also, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the State of the Commonwealth—and on the bills for cutting a navigable canal from the waters of Elizabeth river, to Pasquotank river in the State of North Carolina—to amend the several acts declaring who shall be deemed citizens of this Commonwealth—for appointing officers of the customs, prescribing their duty, and ascertaining their fees—for imposing certain rates and duties upon goods, wares, and merchandises imported into this Commonwealth, and for other purposes—for preventing frauds and regulating abuses in collecting the revenue arising by customs—for the encouraging and encrease of shipping and navigation, and for other purposes—to amend an act, intituled, an act incorporating the Protestant Episcopal Church—and, to amend an act, intituled, an act to revive and amend an act, intituled, an act for calling in and redeeming certificate certificates—being read,

Ordered, That the same be put off till to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, ten o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, the 19th of January, 1786.

An engrossed bill "For regulating and fixing the salaries of the officers of civil government," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for regulating and fixing the salaries of the officers of civil government."

Ordered, That Mr. Underwood do carry the bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill, "For keeping certain roads in repair," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be "An act for keeping certain roads in repair."

Ordered, That Mr. Simms do carry the bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill, "To amend an act, intituled, an act to amend and reduce the several acts for appropriating the public revenue, into one act," was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend the act, intituled, an act to amend and reduce the several acts for appropriating the public revenue, into one act."

Ordered, That Mr. Ronald do carry the bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate by Mr. Cabell.

Mr. SPEAKER,—The Senate have examined several other inrolled bills, and find them to be truly inrolled, and they are signed by their Speaker. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker signed the following inrolled bills:

An act for dividing the county of Fayette—An act to provide for the poor of the several counties within this Commonwealth—An act to authorise the election of certain vestries—An act for establishing religious freedom—An act for establishing an inspection of tobacco at Kinfaie, and discontinuing that at Rust's warehouse, and for other purposes—An act to revive an act, intituled, an act for the better regulating and collecting certain officers fees, and for other purposes therein mentioned—An act for ascertaining a part of the boundary line between the counties of Goochland and Fluvanna—An act to extend the operation of an act, intituled, an act concerning escheators to the several counties in the Northern Neck—An act to amend an act, intituled, an act for clearing and improving the navigation of James river—An act punishing certain offences, and vesting the Governor with certain powers.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the state of the Commonwealth; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Braxton reported, that the Committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Commonwealth under their consideration, and had come to several resolutions thereupon, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the Treasurer be directed, with the aid of the Solicitor, to form from time to time abstracts of the several taxes imposed by the revenue laws, specifying the amount thereof on the respective object of taxation, the periods at which the same are to be paid and distrained for, with the proportions of specie, and of the several kinds of public securities receivable in payment; that such abstracts be published in each of the gazetts printed in the city of Richmond four weeks successively preceding the respective times of collecting; and that the Treasurer moreover transmit six printed copies of the said abstracts to each of the Clerk's of the respective counties, who shall cause one of them to be fixed up at the court-house of his county, and the others at such public places as the court shall judge most proper for the information of the people.