

RESOLVED, 2dly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the city of Annapolis, with its precincts, is the most eligible and proper place, within the United States, for the permanent residence of the honourable congress, for the following reasons: First, The city of Annapolis is more central than any other city or town in the federal states, and equally convenient to the delegates to travel there by land or water. Secondly, The city standing within three miles of the bay of Chesapeake, and on a large navigable river, with a high, dry soil, and many springs of excellent water, is remarkably healthy. Thirdly, The bay of Chesapeake and rivers falling into it, will afford safe and capacious harbours for fleets of ships of any size and force, and dispatches may be conveyed or received with great facility to or from Europe, or any other part of the world. And lastly, The city is very capable of defence, with a small force, against numbers, there being only eighteen feet water within five miles thereof, and two large creeks running one on each side, and heading above the said city within a quarter of a mile of each other, and the ground in and near the city well calculated for works of defence.

RESOLVED, 3dly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly (the corporation and citizens of Annapolis having signified their consent) offer the said city with its precincts to the honourable congress, for their permanent residence, and to invest that body with such jurisdiction, authority, and power within the same, and over the inhabitants and residents thereof, as may be required by congress, as necessary for the honour, dignity, convenience, and safety, of that body.

RESOLVED, 4thly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly present the stadt-house and public circle in the city of Annapolis (exclusive of the school-house and court-house of Anne-Arundel county, and loan-office, standing on the said circle) to the honourable congress, for their use.

RESOLVED, 5thly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly present to congress the buildings and ground in the said city, appropriated for the residence of the governor of this state, for the habitation of their president.

RESOLVED, 6thly, That it is the unanimous opinion of this house, that the general assembly offer to congress to erect, at the expence of this state, thirteen dwelling houses and other buildings, for the residence of the delegates of each of the thirteen confederated states, and that a sum not exceeding thirty thousand pounds specie be applied to that purpose.

RESOLVED, 7thly, That it is the opinion of this house, that a copy of the proceedings of the corporation of the city of Annapolis be transmitted, with the determination of the general assembly, to the honourable the congress.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which were read.

The bill to authorise the auditor general to settle and adjust the accounts and pay of the honourable Robert Hanson Harrison, Esq; was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The following message, with the above bill, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MAY 24, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

AS it is our wish to bring the session to a close by Friday next, and knowing of no important business, except the system of finance proposed by congress in their address and recommendations, which in our opinion may be decided on within that time, we therefore propose adjourning on said day to the first Monday in November next.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The bill to appoint trustees to take care of the person and property of Joseph Ensor, an idiot, was sent to the house of delegates by Benedict E. Hall, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, May 26, 1783.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. Richard Barnes, Esq; being taken sick, adjourned till 3 o'clock.

POST MERIDIEM.

The senate met. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The resolutions respecting the offer of the city of Annapolis and its precincts to the honourable congress for their residence, were read the second time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

Messieurs Ridgely and Roberts, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for laying out a road leading from doctor Ephraim Howard's tilting forge in the upper parts of Elk-Ridge, to intersect the public road leading to Elk-Ridge Landing by
S
William