

Had not this expedient been adopted, I would most assuredly, on a full consideration, have convened the assembly: I never would have suffered so much of the bank stock to be exposed to the risk and hazard of being swept away, for want of a sum of money to employ counsel for the state, and to prosecute and defend the bills concerning it.

Having thus stated the principles which led me to apply to the honourable the intendant, and under the sanction of which he advanced the money, taking bond with security to account for the expenditure, I shall submit the rectitude and policy of the measure to the candour and judgment of your honours.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM PACA.

A LETTER of the 22d of April, 1785, from his Excellency the GOVERNOR, to the honourable DANIEL of St. Thomas JENIFER, Esq;

S I R,

IN considering on the propriety of calling the general assembly for a spring session, although I can see several important subjects which require the attention of the legislature, yet I know only of but *one* which may not be deferred till a meeting in the fall; this *one* is the affair of the bank stock; Mr. Chase, the agent, authorised and established as such by the supplementary act of the last session to the act concerning the bank stock, has not been provided by the act with any supplies for prosecuting the bills in chancery, which the supplementary act directs, and his own private funds will not admit of his advancing to defray the expences.

The chancery suits have been for a long time depending, and the most eminent counsel employed: the charges and expences incurred and to be incurred must be very considerable. It would be greatly injurious to the state, that these chancery suits should lie over, and nothing done with till the fall: and yet, to call the assembly, that they may give orders and directions with regard to supplies of money to the agent, for the purpose of the agency, would occasion a great and heavy expence, and perhaps be more injurious, than suffering the chancery suits and bank stock to lie over to a late session. Under these circumstances, I can only free myself from my present embarrassment, by proposing to you the expedient of your advancing the agent money out of the treasury, to defray the charges and expences of these chancery suits: I take it that the sum of five hundred pounds sterling would be adequate for present purposes, the agent giving security to account for the expenditure, and surplus, if any. If this proposition be adopted, I do not think we need have a spring session.

I am, Sir, with great regard and respect, your most obedient humble servant,

WILLIAM PACA.

A LETTER from the honourable the INTENDANT of the REVENUE, to his Excellency the GOVERNOR,

S I R,

Intendant's Office, 23d April, 1785.

THE expence that would attend the calling the general assembly, bearing no proportion to the advance recommended by your excellency to be made to the state agent, for prosecuting the bills in chancery for the recovery of the bank stock, I shall, without hesitation, give an order on the treasury of the western shore for £.500 sterling, Mr. Chase having first given security to account for the expenditure of such money, and the surplus, if any.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your Excellency's most obedient servant,

DANIEL OF ST. THOMAS JENIFER, INTENDANT.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; has leave of absence.

ORDERED, That the clerk write to the absent members, requesting their immediate attendance.

The president lays before the senate a petition from James Beaumont, respecting a claim he has against the confiscated property of the late Sir Robert Eden; which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the letter from the late governor, enclosing the letters passed between him and the intendant, sent by William Perry, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 21, 1785.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except Samuel Hughes, Esq; John Smith, Esq; appears in the senate, and after qualifying as directed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The president lays before the senate a letter from William Smallwood, Esq; accepting his appointment as governor; a petition from a number of respectable inhabitants of Fredericktown, respecting the manufactories of this state; and a letter from Charles Biddle, Esq; enclosing a memorial respecting certain East-Indians; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The intendant of the revenue lays before the senate a report respecting the revenue, with sundry books and papers; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

Mr. Fielder Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make valid the recording a deed from Jonathan Slater and Anna his wife, of Prince-George's county, to Daniel Kent, of Calvert county, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 21, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

B

W. HARWOOD, clk,

" By