

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, JUNE, 1777. 79

We are surprized that your honours, after passing the supplement to the acts for assessment of property, should "see nothing to render a meeting necessary before the time fixed by our form of government." The impropriety of your proposed adjournment to the first Monday in November, can only have escaped your honours from your intense application to the public business.

The assessment of property ought to be finished so that some collection may be made as early as possible, and we apprehend that if the assembly do not meet till November, any general rules they may lay down for equality of assessment, cannot be executed, nor can the law be carried into effect, and payment enforced in November, as it ought to be by the supplementary bill passed this session.

We hope, therefore, on re-considering the subject, an earlier time will be thought more proper than the month of November next.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Turner and Banning from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the journal of accounts, and therewith a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 28, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which journal was here read and assented to.

Messieurs Archer and Beall from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 16, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 28, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, was read the second time by an especial order and will pass with the following proposed amendments:

In the tenth line of the second page, after the word "battalions," insert the words "and companies." In the last line of the third page, strike out the word "thirty" and insert the word "forty." In the second line of the fourth page, strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "twenty." In the sixth line of the fourth page, strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "thirty." In the second line from the bottom of the fourth page, strike out the words "it shall and may be lawful for." In the last line of the same page, after the word "council," insert the following words, "shall have full power and authority." Strike out from the beginning of the fifth page to the word "States" in the second line of the same page, and insert the following words, "of actual invasion of the state of Virginia, Pennsylvania, or Delaware."

After the end of the eleventh line in the sixth page insert the following words: "Provided always, That not more than one fifth part of the militia shall be sent and kept out of this state at any time; nor shall any part of the militia be retained in actual service out of this state longer than the invasion of the adjoining states continues."

After the word "person," in the seventeenth line of the same page, insert the words "not being disabled by sickness." In the third line of the seventh page, strike out the words "can not" and insert the words "do not." After the word "for" in the fourth line of the same page, strike out the word "nor" and insert the words "or cannot." In the sixteenth line of the same page, strike out the words "on any requisition of congress." After the word "same," in the eighteenth line of the same page, insert the words, "on any requisition of congress." In the fourth line of the tenth page, from the word "that," strike out all that follows to the word "each" in the eighth line. In the twelfth line of the fourteenth page, strike out the words "doth not exceed" and insert the words "be not less than." In the fourth line of the last page, after the word "state," strike out all that follows to the word "when" in the sixth line.

Add the following clause to the bill: "This act to continue one year, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said one year."

Sent to the house of delegates by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

The report of the committee of both houses, appointed to examine into the state and condition of the loan-office, was read the second time and concurred with.

The engrossed bill, No. 16, was read and assented to.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 6 o'clock.

S U N D A Y, June 29, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The journal of accounts, and the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, were sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Ilghman, Esq;

Messieurs Smoot and W. Thomas from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed