

grossed bill, No. 18, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 29, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which bill was here read and assented to.

Messieurs J. T. Chase and Read from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording of a deed to William Smith, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 29, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which bill was here read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

Messieurs Bruff and Hammond from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 17, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 29, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which engrossed bill was here read and assented to.

Messieurs Ridgely and Stevenson from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 19, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 29, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The following message, in answer to the message by Messieurs Ennalls and Veazy, was sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, June 29, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE surprize expressed in your message of yesterday afternoon, by Messieurs Ennalls and Veazy, could not have taken place on a cool and dispassionate consideration of the subject. We pretend not to boast of our intense application to the public business, nor can we think ourselves chargeable with neglect. 'Tis true, some time has been taken up in the revision of your bills; yet we flatter ourselves it has not been altogether mispent.

You will be pleased to consider, that under the supplementary bill, the assessment in Anne-Arundel and Harford counties cannot be made and returned to the commissioners sooner than the middle (probably the end) of September; and these with all other assessments are to be returned to the next session, to the end, we presume, that full information may be received by the assembly of the state of assessments; whereby they may be enabled to apply some general equal rule. Why then adjourn to a time, at least fourteen days (perhaps a month) before you can receive the information necessary to your entering on the business which confessedly is the occasion of your adjournment?

A meeting for the purpose of laying down the rule for an equal assessment of property, we think, cannot well be held so as to afford time to finish that business before the annual election takes place; and there is reason to fear, the result of such a meeting will be inconvenience and expence; without effecting the purpose designed by it.

These considerations prevail with us to think an adjournment to the time we proposed most proper; but as you hold the purse of the state, and we wish to give you every opportunity which you may judge necessary for the successful management of it, we will meet you at any time to which you may think fit to adjourn.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The paper bills, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

Messieurs Schnebely and Archer from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a list of persons to be recommended to the governor as county lieutenants; which was here read and concurred with. Sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messieurs Jordan and Bruff from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 29, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have agreed to adjourn to the eighth day of September next, for the dispatch of the public business.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The governor came into the senate, and it was thereupon ORDERED, That George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, acquaint the house of delegates, that the governor was present in the senate for the purpose of signing and sealing certain laws, agreed to by the general assembly, and to desire their attendance. Whereupon the speaker and the members of the house of delegates attended; and the speaker presented the following bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in presence of both houses.

No. 1. An act to continue an act for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court-house and prison in Harford county.