

By the S E N A T E, December 23, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have returned with our negative the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; the low state of the treasury, and the certainty of very great and speedy demands thereon, for effecting the several matters ordered in the course of this session, have induced us to defer the payment of the journal, to a time when the money can be taken from the treasury with less detriment to the public. We are willing to concur with a resolve for paying the clerks and other officers of the two houses, the sums respectively due to them on the journal.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Brice and Earle, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve for paying the officers of the two houses, which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

On motion, ORDERED, That William Hindman, Esq; wait upon his excellency, and request his attendance in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills. The governor appeared in the senate. ORDERED, That George Plater and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esqrs. acquaint the house of delegates, that the governor is ready to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request their attendance in the senate. The house of delegates appeared in the senate, and the following engrossed bills were presented by the speaker to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in presence of the members of both houses.

No. 14. An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property.

No. 15. An act to revive the proceedings of Queen-Anne's county court.

No. 16. An act relating to the qualification of jurors.

No. 17. An act of indemnity.

No. 18. An act to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses, and constables.

No. 19. An act to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records.

No. 20. An act for the better security of the government.

No. 21. A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia.

No. 22. A supplement to the act for the special appointment of inspectors.

No. 23. An act to prevent counterfeiting loan-office certificates.

The senate adjourns to the first Monday in March next.

So ends this session, this 23d day of December, in the year of our Lord 1777.

Test.

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.