

T U E S D A Y, March 16, 1779.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Thomas Jenings, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 17, 1779.

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

Messieurs Lethrbury and Maccubbin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable William Bordley and Arthur Bordley, administrators of Stephen Bordley, junior, late of Kent county, deceased, to sell and dispose of a lot of ground in the said county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 16, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

" By the house of delegates, March 17, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The petition of James Truman and Levin Covington, of Prince-George's county, praying an act to aid the defects of a deed; the petition of Gabriel Childs, of Calvert county; the petition of John Hansbury, senior, praying to be relieved from the treble tax; were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to enable William Bordley and Arthur Bordley, administrators of Stephen Bordley, junior, late of Kent county, deceased, to sell and dispose of a lot of ground in the said county, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

His excellency the governor communicates to the president a letter respecting the galleys, which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The senate being informed yesterday by Mr. Joseph Nicholson, one of their members, that Mr. Samuel Chase had said in his hearing before several gentlemen, that there were traitors in the senate; and Mr. Tilghman and Mr. Carroll, Barrister, having acquainted the senate this morning, that a report was industriously spread about town, as coming from Mr. Chase, that they had been applying to general Howe for protection, and, as it might be apprehended they were the traitors meant by Mr. Chase, requested that he might be called upon to declare his knowledge of there being traitors in the senate, for that they should consider themselves as unworthy of a seat in that body, if any thing like such a charge could be made out against them.

Whereupon it was RESOLVED, That Mr. Chase be summoned to testify concerning the premises, and summons did accordingly issue in the following words, and was served by the messenger of this house.

WHEREAS the senate hath received information, that Samuel Chase, Esq; on the 15th day of March, 1779, in public company in the city of Annapolis, did affirm and declare, that there were traitors in the senate, and that he could prove it: And the senate deeming it highly expedient, that the truth of the charge should be made appear, DO order you to summon the said Samuel Chase, Esq; to appear before us immediately, to testify the truth of his knowledge of and concerning the above premises.

To WILLIAM TUCK,
Messenger of the senate.

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. Chase appeared in the senate, and a number of the gentlemen of the house of delegates and others being present, Mr. Nicholson repeated the information he had before given, and Mr. Chase was called upon to disclose his knowledge of any traitorous acts committed by any member of the senate. He first said, he had obeyed the summons of the senate, though he by no means admitted the power thereof, to call him before them; and he thus publicly expressed himself on that matter, that this power might not be drawn into a precedent against others. That he did not intend to have made known what he should now declare before the senate, but proposed to publish in the newspapers his knowledge of facts and sentiments thereon, some time before the next