

The resolution concerning the salary of the counsellors, and the journal of accounts, were sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq; with the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 16, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE did not intend our bill, entitled, An act to prevent suits being brought or continued by any person or persons residing in the British dominions, should have the smallest influence upon the question, whether persons residing in the British dominions are aliens; it is worded so as to be clear of any interference affecting that question; but as in your message of the 14th of May, by Messieurs Earle and Williamson, you suggested that merchants and others, who have received their debts from planters and farmers, and who might be indebted to absentees or merchants, who had no factors in this state, ought to have the power of paying their old debts to their creditors; and we were desirous that no injury should be done to persons thus circumstanced, by any thing now or hereafter done with the tender law. We sent you the bill, which you have rejected, providing that citizens of this state should not, but upon such terms as the legislature should prescribe, be called on for these debts by any person residing in Great Britain, whom we presumed you meant to include in your description of absentees, or merchants who have no factors here. It seemed to be the opinion of both houses not to confiscate debts due to any person, though residing in the British dominions; then, unless a provision be made, these debts may, according to your own opinion, be recovered, when peace takes place, at least, in that event, the persons you allude to might possibly be oppressed, if the legislature was not to interpose; and we think the provision made by our bill affords effectual security against the evil pointed at by you, as it was intended to continue the disability not only until the end of the war, but until the legislature should otherwise direct, and therefore cannot be supposed, nor was it intended, to influence any decision upon cases now in the courts of law, to which in truth it cannot possibly have the least reference.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Messieurs M'Mechen and Deye, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 16, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

A resignation of William Paca, Esq; under hand and seal, of his seat as a senator, was communicated to the president and read. Whereupon the senate, having previously qualified, proceeded to ballot for a senator in the room of William Paca, Esq; and upon examination of the ballot box it appeared, that John Henry, Esq; was duly elected. Mr. President was requested to inform Mr. Henry of his appointment.

Messieurs B. Hall and Maccubbin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 31, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 16, 1780: Read and assented to."

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

ORDERED, That the clerk of the senate procure to be printed four hundred and thirty-five copies of the bill sent last session by the house of delegates for confiscating British property, and messages thereon, and the bill sent this session by the house of delegates to the senate for seizure and confiscation of British property, and the bill for the security of this state and the subjects thereof, and for other purposes, sent by this house to the house of delegates, and messages and proceedings thereon; also the messages and proceedings upon the bill for bringing into the treasury our quota of dollars; that five copies thereof be sent to each senator, ten copies to the commissioners of the tax for each county, and ten copies to the justices of each county, to be stitched together.

On motion, ORDERED, That William Hensley, Esq; wait on his Excellency, and request his attendance in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills.

The governor appeared in the senate.

ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, 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 of the house of delegates to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto in presence of the members of both houses.

No. 9. An act for the relief of Henry Griffith, of Montgomery county.

No. 10. An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town, in Queen-Anne's county.

No. 11. An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

12. No.