

38 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, APRIL, 1782.

in your message of this day by Robert Goldsborough, Esq; upon the subject matter contained in our message.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, May 14, 1782.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Sundry petitions from the tenants on Wiccomico manor; and a petition from the merchants of Baltimore, praying a repeal of that part of the assessment law taxing stock in trade; were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by James M'Henry, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met, and, on motion, the conferrees were permitted to withdraw.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, May 15, 1782.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. A petition from sundry persons, who took leases of the lord proprietor of tracts of land as Kent manor, praying that the same might not be confiscated; and a petition from Thomas Harwood, praying a compensation for monies expended for the conveyance of public letters beyond what is allowed by law, and that the salary be increased; were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

On motion, the conferrees were permitted to withdraw.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Worthington and Chase, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 15, 1782.

Rivington's royal gazette of the 8th instant, announcing the arrival of Sir Guy Carleton at New-York, as a commissioner for making peace or war in North-America; the dissolution of the late British ministry, and the appointment of a new administration; and the draught of a bill brought into the British parliament, to enable the king of Great-Britain to conclude a peace or truce with the United States, by the appellation of revolted colonies; being laid before the house and read:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the opinion of this house, that peace with Great-Britain and all the world is an object truly desirable, but that war with all its calamities is to be preferred to national dishonour; and that it is the sentiment of this house, that any negociation for peace or truce, not agreeable to the alliance with France, is inadmissible; that every danger ought to be encountered, every event hazarded, rather than sully our national character, or violate, in the least degree, our connection with our great and good ally; and that good faith, gratitude, and safety, forbid any treaty for peace or truce with Great-Britain, but in conjunction with France, or with her consent first obtained.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That this house will exert the power of the state to enable congress to prosecute the war, until Great-Britain renounce all claim of sovereignty over the United States, or any part thereof, and until their independence be formally or tacitly assured by the treaty with Great-Britain, France, and the United States, which shall terminate the war.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 1, was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof, so endorsed, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

ORDERED, That William Hindman, Esq; wait on his Excellency the governor, and request his attendance to sign and seal an engrossed bill passed this session.

His Excellency the governor appeared.

ORDERED, That John Henry and Thomas Stone, Esquires, wait on the house of delegates, and inform them, that the governor is now attending in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bill passed this session, and request their attendance.

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