

110 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, JUNE 1777.

Mr. Winder, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Shriver, were qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, and took their seats.

**RESOLVED**, That the hours for sitting for dispatch of public business during this session, be from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till six.

**ORDERED**, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith. The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Ford and Mr. Winder.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 16, 1777.

May it please your honours,  
THIS house hath appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till six, for its sitting every day during this session for the dispatch of public business.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

**ORDERED**, That the rules of last session be observed this session.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Henry Steele, signifying a resignation of his seat in the house of delegates, which being read, Mr. Speaker issued his warrant for the election of a member in his stead.

**ORDERED**, That Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. J. T. Chase, be a committee of elections and privileges.

That Mr. Beall, Mr. J. Bond, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gilpin, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Thomas, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

That Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Smith, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Brice, be a committee of accounts.

**RESOLVED**, That the rev. Mr. Read be requested to perform divine service in this house every morning during the present session, at a quarter before nine o'clock.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the better security of the government. **ORDERED**, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Henry, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Bruff, do prepare and bring in the same.

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

T U E S D A Y, June 17, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Galloway appeared in the house.

Mr. Brice from the committee of both houses appointed to examine into the state and condition of the public loan office in the recess of assembly, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

MARYLAND, to wit.

At a COMMITTEE of the senate and house of delegates, appointed in the recess of assembly to examine into the state and condition of the public loan-office, and to make report thereupon to the next General assembly,

WERE PRESENT,

The hon. BRICE T. B. WORTHINGTON, and CHARLES GRAHAME, Esqrs, of the senate,

Mr. JOHN BRICE, Mr. JOHN SMITH, and Mr. JAMES KENT, of the house of delegates.

Who make choice of and appoint the honourable Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; chairman, and Mr. Nicholas Harwood their clerk, and agree to make the following report, viz.

YOUR committee have, in consequence of their appointment, examined the several accounts and proceedings of the commissioners for emitting bills of credit established by act of assembly, from the 27th day of November 1773 to the 24th day of May 1777, and find by the last account from the trustees, dated in London the twenty-fourth day of February seventeen hundred and seventy-five, that there was then £. 29,000 capital stock in the bank of England belonging to this province, which cost the sum of £. 36,131 6 6 sterling, and a balance of £. 478 3 sterling in their hands not invested; and that by the said account it appears, the dividends on the said stock have only been received up to the tenth day of November seventeen hundred and seventy-four.

That it appears to your committee, by a report in November session seventeen hundred and seventy-three, there was then due to sundry claimants, on the journal of accounts and list of debts passed at November session seventeen hundred and sixty-six, the sum of 1604 <sup>120</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars; and that the commissioners have since paid away (for which they have produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts) the sum of 89 <sup>108</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

That there still remains due to sundry claimants, the sum of 1515 <sup>108</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
And that there remains in the office in bills of credit of the emission of 1767, unappropriated, the sum of 13639 <sup>108</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Dollars 15243 <sup>118</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

That