

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Ford;	Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Stevenson,	Contee,	Sprigg,
	Read,	Tillard,	Strawbridge,	Alexander,	Earle,	Burgess,
	Maxwell,	Somervill,	Winder,	Bowie,	H. Wilson,	Williams,
	J. Hall,	Turner,	Henry,	Magruder,	A. Hall,	Crabb.
	Hammond,					

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Messrs.	Plowden,	Chew,	Smoot,	Ward,	Quynn,	Edelen,
	Lethbury,	Forbes,	Deye,	West,	Benson,	Young,
	Fitzhugh,	Maddux,	Ridgely,	Brice,	Kent,	Chafe.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of this house on the memorial of the commissioners of the loan-office, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1777: Read and assented to.

By order

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

The following resolves were propounded to the house, and the question put on them:
RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to appoint some person well skilled in naval affairs and ship building, to examine and report the state of our galleys, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, how they are constructed, and whether they will answer the purpose intended, of defending our bay and harbours.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to employ some proper person to superintend the fitting, equipping, and management of the vessels of war, and the fitting, equipping, and loading the trading vessels belonging to this state, under the controul and direction of the governor and the council; and that such superintendant be allowed a salary of five hundred pounds per annum.

That such of the trading vessels belonging to this state as can be got ready for sea, be dispatched with proper cargoes to our agents in the West Indies, thereby to discharge the balance that may be due to them, and for the purpose of importing salt, small arms, and other necessaries.

That such superintendant be upon oath and give bond for the faithful discharge of his trust, and that he be not allowed to trade in any manner on his own account.

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Messieurs Fitzhugh, Winder, Deye, Ridgely.

So they passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Wright has leave of absence.

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

S U N D A Y, December 21, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. West and Mr. Ridgely. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Leonard Belt being read, **ORDERED**, That Mr. Deye, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Stevenson, and Mr. Chafe, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report the same, together with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bill, No. 19, and the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was read and assented to.

On reading and considering the letter from his excellency the governor of yesterday, the question was put. That a delegate of congress does not hold an office within this state, and that it is no infringement of the declaration of rights, that a delegate of congress should be appointed a judge? Determined in the negative.

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