

M O N D A Y, December 22, 1777.

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

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the special appointment of inspectors. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Winder, and Mr. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

The following message being prepared was sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Ridgely:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have taken into consideration the letter from his excellency Thomas Johnson, Esquire, of the 20th instant, relative to Messieurs Paca and Chase, and have thereupon RESOLVED, That a delegate to congress cannot, consistent with the declaration of rights and the constitution and form of government, be at the same time one of the judges of the general court. Should your honours concur with us in opinion, the sense of the two houses may be notified to his excellency by the honourable president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Winder brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the special appointment of inspectors, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. H. Wilson. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The resolve of the 3d of November last, ascertaining the allowance of the members of the general assembly, sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Maxwell and Mr. M'Pherson.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, December 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WHEN the business of the present session shall be finished, this house have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday in March next.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely resigned his seat in the house.

Mr. Earle from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee have examined an account of Thomas Harwood, Esq; treasurer of the western shore, respecting the bills of credit emitted for exchanging the emission of the 26th of July, 1775, and do find, that he has charged himself with a balance of £. 26,961 15 0, which was remaining in his hands on the 5th of April last. And your committee have counted and destroyed bills of the emission of July, 1775, to the amount of £. 6,811 10 0, and torn and defaced bills of the emissions in 1775 and 1776, £. 13 9 7, which are passed in the said account to the credit of the said Thomas Harwood, he having exchanged other bills of credit for the same. We have also passed to his credit the sum of £. 15,000, out of the above sum of £. 26,961 15 0, agreeable to a resolve of the general assembly of the 27th of November last, subjecting that sum to the orders of the governor and the council, which leave a balance due this state, now in his hands of £. 5,136 15 5. Your committee have also examined an account of the said treasurer, by which it appears he hath charged himself with the sum of £. 64,372 4 10, the balance in his hands on the said 5th day of April last; also with the sum of £. 56,250 received at sundry times from the continental treasury; also with the sum of £. 24,166 13 4, received from Messieurs Hyde and Wilkins, supervisors for the emitting bills of credit; and also with the sum of £. 15,000, part of the money which was appropriated for the exchange of torn and defaced bills, and of the emission of July, 1775, and now made subject to the order of the governor and the council; which sums, with a further sum of £. 3,436 12 5, received by him for fines on non-enrollers and other purposes, amount in the whole to the sum of £. 163,225 10 7. It further appears, by vouchers to us produced and examined, that he has paid out of the treasury, between the 8th day of April last and the 9th of this instant, in bills of credit, to the amount of £. 153,793 12 0 $\frac{3}{4}$, so that there remains a balance in his hands, on this account, of £. 9,434 18 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, due to this state. Your committee have also examined the account of James Hindman, Esquire, treasurer of the eastern shore, which shews that he received of William Hindman Esq; late treasurer of the said shore, bills of credit to the value of £. 9,505 9 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; of Messrs. Hyde and Wilkins, supervisors for emitting bills of credit, to the amount of £. 13,750; and of sundry collectors of fines from non-enrollers, £. 46 14 3, making all together the sum of £. 23,402 3 10 $\frac{1}{2}$; and that he paid away