

Your committee are of opinion, That such orders and instructions are an infringement and violation of the 21st article of the declaration of rights, and tend, unless timely checked, to the overthrow of the government and sovereignty of this state, and that the governor be requested to lay before congress the said orders and instructions, and desire that the same, so far as they relate to this state, may be immediately countermanded.

Your committee are unable to report specially on the other papers committed to them, for want of information, whether the executive, to whom the same are directed, have complied with the requisitions contained therein, but are inclined to think proper provisions have been made.

Signed, per order of the committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Tillard and Mr. Ward appeared in the house.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of pilots. ORDERED, That Mr. West, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Brice, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Stevenson appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared and sent to the senate, acquainting them with the hours of sitting for the transaction of the public business this session, and it was prepared accordingly, and sent by Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. Murray, and follows in these words :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 10, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house hath appointed from nine o'clock in the morning to one, P. M. and from three till six, for the dispatch of public business during the present session.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The several letters and acts of congress, &c. were sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. William Goldborough.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, June 11, 1778.

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

The house taking into consideration the report of the committee on the several letters and acts of congress, &c. the question was put, That the house concur with the first paragraph thereof: Determined in the affirmative.

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

Read,	Hammond,	H. Goldborough,	Veazey,	Quynn,	Chase,
R. Barnes,	Semmes,	W Goldborough,	Ward,	H. Wilson,	Sprigg.
Plowden,	Forbes,	Henry,	Contee,	Smithson,	J. Barnes,
Lethrbury,	Hanson,	Murray,	Bruff,	Douglass,	Hughes,
Maxwell,	Gibson,	Daffin,	Brice,	Mason,	Crabb.
Gresham,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Lloyd,	Somervill,	Deye,	Alexander,	Magruder,	Bond,
Worthington,	Chew,	Stevenson,	West,	Edelen,	Burgess,
Tillard,	M'Pheron,	Shepherd,	Bowie,	Sheredine,	Bayly.

The report was read throughout, and concurred with.

Leave given to bring in a bill relating to prisoners and deserters from the British army and navy. ORDERED, That Mr. Sheredine, Mr. West, Mr. Deye, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Chase, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Lloyd, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Sheredine, from the committee of elections and privileges, brought in a report, which was read in the words following :

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, That by the return of the sheriff of Talbot county, it appears, that William Goldborough, Esq; is returned, to serve in the general assembly as a member for said county, in the room of Mr. Samuel Chamberlaine, resigned; though your committee observe, that said sheriff has made use of the term "deputy" instead of "delegate." That by the return of the sheriff of Charles county, it appears, that Samuel Hanson, jun. Esq; is returned to serve in general assembly as a member for said county, in the room of Mr. Zephaniah Turner, resigned. That on the back of last mentioned return, an objection to the legality of Mr. Hanson's