

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES,
December 30, 1779.

ORDERED, That two hundred copies of the messages between the two houses, respecting the confiscation of British property, be immediately printed.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

By the SENATE, December 20, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

THE extreme severity of the weather, and prospect of danger to the eastern shore gentlemen of being shut out from their homes during the winter, call upon us to give every possible dispatch in our power to the necessary public business, and make us anxiously desirous to have it completed, but we are so situated, having but eight attending members, without the least expectation of an addition to the number, that if sickness, or other accident, should prevent any one of them from giving their attendance, the whole business of the session must remain unfinished. From these considerations, amongst others, we have been induced to return, with a negative, the bill, entitled, An act for the seizure and confiscation of British property within this state.—A bill of an extraordinary kind, the subject of a difficult and important,