

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777.

Which was read, and in answer, the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, February 19, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE cannot immediately concur in the joint recommendation of a general officer, proposed in your message of this day by Messieurs Ridgely and Bordley, because we conceive the recommendation would be premature at present, as the information which seems to have occasioned your message is very imperfect, and contained in a private letter written by one delegate only, addressed solely to your speaker, and solicits merely the sentiments of your house; were the letter less exceptionable in these respects, yet as it plainly refers to some intelligence not yet communicated even to your house, we think the recommendation of a general officer should be delayed till the intelligence comes regularly authenticated to the general assembly.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The application of Thomas Jaram for a captaincy in the artillery, and a memorial from the officers of the artillery company stationed at Baltimore-Town, were severally read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Samuel Wilson, Esquire.

A letter to the president from Charles Carroll, senior, Esq; signifying his declining to act as a member of the council to the governor, was read and sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esquire.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

T H U R S D A Y, February 20, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to punish the forgery of tickets in the United States lottery; also a bill, entitled, An act for making bills of credit legal tender, and punishing the forgery of such bills.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

F R I D A Y, February 21, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act to punish the forgery of tickets in the United States lottery, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Magruder from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 20, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house having considered the report of the committee for adjusting the arrangement of the military officers of this state, are of opinion; that the several alterations contained in the list herewith transmitted, ought to take place, and hope for your concurrence.

Patrick Sim major of the first regiment. Thomas Woolford major of the second regiment. Benjamin Ford major of the third regiment. Uriah Forest major of the fourth regiment. Thomas Smyth major of the fifth regiment. John E. Howard major of the sixth regiment. Edward Tillard major of the seventh regiment, according to the order the regiments now stand in the report before the rank is finally settled.

John Dean captain, in the place of Thomas Hanson, who has resigned. Thomas Skinner second lieutenant, in the place of James Bennet in the fourth regiment, who is proposed to be struck out.

Edward Clayton proposed to be second lieutenant in captain Adam Grosh's company.

Van Swearingen proposed to be a second lieutenant in Daniel Stull's company of the sixth regiment.

This house have also come to the following resolutions, viz.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the final classing of the second lieutenants and ensigns into particular battalions, ought to be reserved for further consideration, until the field officers of the battalions can be consulted.

RESOLVED, That this house will not vacate any of the commissions heretofore granted by the commissioners.

Should your honours concur with us in opinion, the roster may be settled so far as it extends at present, reserving only the consideration of rank, and classing and adding subalterns, which we