

them to disturb the peace of the community; and we conceive that the council of safety, under the recommendation proposed by you, would be bound to set at full liberty, by bail, all such offenders as by law, in times of settled tranquillity, would be entitled to bail: We therefore beg leave to propose, that the council of safety be requested to examine the cases of the several insurgents, and report to the assembly which of them areailable; and that the general assembly then take such order therein, as the public safety may require.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esquire.

By the S E N A T E, February 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE think it would be proper to direct the council of safety to issue immediately commissions, agreeable to the roster settled by both houses, to such officers as have not yet received them.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

A letter to the honourable president from Thomas Stone, Esquire, signifying his declining the acceptance of an appointment of a delegate in congress, was read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquire.

By the S E N A T E, February 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,

SINCE our message to you by Matthew Tilghman, Esquire, suggesting the expediency of commissioning the officers appointed by the roster agreed to by both houses, we have received some information respecting the conduct of the gentleman intended for major of the first battalion, which in our opinion makes it necessary to suspend his commission until further enquiry can be made; we therefore wish you would defer ordering any commission for that office, and refer you to captain Alexander Murray for the information which occasions this message.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, February 22, 1777.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by Mr. Worthington, we must observe, that the powers of the council of safety were, in the opinion of this house, competent to have prevented the danger that might have arisen to the state, from letting offenders altogether at liberty to return to their habitations; and under the recommendation we proposed, although offenders might have been bailed, yet we do not think the council were under the necessity of setting them at full liberty, in the same manner as was customary heretofore in times of settled tranquillity; nothing in our message was intended to prevent their exercising those full powers heretofore given by former conventions, of confining dangerous offenders to particular districts; however, as your honours are of a different opinion, we agree to your proposition, that the council of safety be requested to examine the cases of the several insurgents, and report to the general assembly which of them areailable, that such order may be taken therein as the public safety may require.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

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

M O N D A Y, February 24, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Thomas Stone, Esquire. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Turbutt Wright, Esq; appeared in the house. Charles Carroll, Esquire, has leave of absence.

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

T U E S D A Y, February 25, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, George Plater, Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Joseph Nicholson, junior, Brice T. B. Worthington, and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, who not being a sufficient number to compose a senate, met, and adjourned from day to day till Monday the 17th of March, except Matthew Tilghman, Esquire, who was absent three days, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquire, who was absent five days by leave.

M O N D A Y,