

MONDAY, March 17, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Joseph Nicholson, Esq; The proceedings of Saturday were read. William Paca, Esquire, appeared in the house.

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

TUESDAY, March 18, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment: Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Thomas Contee, Esq; a senator for this state, appeared in the house, and qualified by taking the oaths prescribed by the form of government, and subscribing a declaration of his belief in the christian religion.

The senate having previously qualified for the purpose, proceeded to the choice of a member in the room of Thomas Johnson, jun: Esq; who declined taking a seat in the senate, and Charles Grahame, Esq; was unanimously elected by ballot.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Dickinson from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following messages:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 6, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house having taken into consideration that part of the resolve of congress of the fifteenth of February seventeen hundred and seventy seven, recommending to the legislatures of New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, the appointment of commissioners to meet at York-Town in Pennsylvania, on the third Monday of this instant, for the purpose of considering of and forming a system for regulating the price of labour, of manufactures, and of internal produce, within these states, and of goods imported from foreign parts, except military stores, are of opinion, that the said recommendation ought to be complied with, and have accordingly resolved to appoint five commissioners, with a power to any three or more of them to act in conjunction with the commissioners of the other states for the above purpose. Should your honours concur with us in opinion, this house will immediately proceed to ballot for the commissioners to be appointed by this state.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 6, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are of opinion, that the following persons, viz. Jesse Davis, Daniel Fookes, Boaz Walton, John Parsons, Samuel Williams, and Jonathan Fookes, insurgents in Somerset or Worcester counties, are entitled to the benefit of the proclamation published by the general assembly, and ought to be discharged from custody, that they may have their election to take that benefit or not.

Should your honours be of that opinion, the council of safety may have orders to discharge them: Should there be others arrested under similar circumstances, the council of safety may have orders to discharge them as a matter of course.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which were read.

Mr. Somerswill and Mr. Chaille from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service, with the following endorsements thereon: "By the house of delegates, March 4, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table, March 5, 1777: Read the second time and will pass."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Galloway and Mr. Wright from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county, with the following endorsements thereon; "By the house of delegates, March 3, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table, March 7, 1777: Read the second time and will pass."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ford and Mr. Kent from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act to prevent desertion, with the following endorsements thereon; "By the house of delegates, March 6, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table, March 7, 1777: Read the second time and will pass."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Samuel Chase and Mr. Veazy from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit