

On reading a second time the resolve of the house of delegates, brought to this house by Messieurs Wootton and Gibson, the following message was sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esquire.

By the SENATE, March 19, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have considered your resolve of the fourteenth of March, received yesterday by Messieurs Wootton and Gibson; and from the necessity of the case, shall agree to the oath of the governor and of the council, with the several amendments proposed below, and concur in the mode of the governor's qualification. As to the other parts of the resolve, it not being immediately necessary to form the oaths proper to be taken by the chancellor, judges, justices, and other officers, and the commissions for the judges, we are of opinion that it may be done with more propriety hereafter, by bill, in which the oaths, now to be agreed upon, may be included.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Amendments proposed to the oaths of the governor and the council. In the fourth line of the second page, between the words "will" and "protect," insert the following, "constantly endeavour to," and strike out the words "and will constantly endeavour to" in the sixth line of the same page. In the sixth line of the third page, strike out the words "keep secret such," and instead thereof insert the following, "not divulge or make known any," and in the seventh line of the same page, strike out the words "as the board shall direct to be concealed," and instead thereof insert the following, "which shall be directed by them to be kept secret."

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne Arundel county, was read the second time by an especial order, and passed, is endorsed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquire.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Senate met.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house agree to the several amendments proposed by your honours to the oaths to be taken by the governor and the members of the council, and will prepare a bill directing the oaths of office to be taken by, and the form of commissions to be granted to, the judges and justices, and other officers of this government.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

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

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Robert Goldsborough and Samuel Wilson, Esquires, appeared in the house. Turbutt Wright, Esq; has leave of absence.

ORDERED, That George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, acquaint the house of delegates, that the senate request their attendance in the senate room to see the governor qualified. The honourable speaker and members of the house of delegates attending, the honourable Thomas Johnson, jun. Esq; was qualified in the presence of both houses, by taking the oaths and subscribing the declaration directed by the form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by the general assembly.

The honourable Josiah Polk, John Rogers, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, were qualified by taking the oaths and subscribing the declaration directed by the form of government, and by taking the oath of office prescribed by the general assembly.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 20, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house find themselves involved in great difficulties, as to the appointment and rank of officers to command the quota of troops to be found by this state; the late resignation of several officers adds to our embarrassment, we would therefore propose to your honours, that a committee of both houses be appointed to re-consider the subject.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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