

ENSIGNS. M'Pherson, M'Keel, Semmes, Hilliary, Marshall, Hanson, Layman, J. J. Skinner, M'Callister, Ewing, John Read, Wheeler, Blakiston, Bolton, Trout, James Toomy, J. Duvall, Gordon, Watkins, O. Williams, Farmer, Riston, Hamilton, Twining, Bowin, Warfield, Dorsey, Ferguson, T. Jones, Gould, L. King, Sinnett, Watts, P. Read, Truelock, J. Jones, Martindale, Z. Beall, Wright, Drain, Lamar, M'Creary, Markell, Geoghagan, Jacob, Wailes, Hardcastle, Edwards, Cockey.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 26, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Paca, Esquire, from the conferees, brings in the following report :

YOUR conferees, appointed to confer with the conferees from the house of delegates, on the appointment of collectors of blankets for the troops for this state, and their powers, beg leave to report, That the conferees from the house of delegates proposed, that the appointment of collectors shall be by the governor, on the recommendation of the general assembly, to which your conferees agreed.

The conferees from the senate proposed, that every house-keeper, (except tavern-keepers) shall deliver to the collector an account on oath or affirmation, if required, to be administered by the collector, of all the blankets the property of the said house-keeper, over and above the number commonly used by the family in the winter season, and shall deliver to the collector one half of the overplus ; and that the collectors on the eastern shore shall deposit the blankets collected on that shore in Chester-Town, and that the collectors on the western shore deposit the blankets collected on that shore in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-Town, and that the governor and council be empowered to appoint proper persons to receive them, and to order the blankets to such other places, and under the care of such persons as they may think proper. To which the conferees from the house of delegates agreed

Signed by order of con.

J. JOHNSON, cl.

Which was read and concurred with.

The bill, entitled, An act to direct the forms of the commissions to the judges and justices, and other civil officers of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, chancellor, judges, justices, and all civil officers of this state, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill for opening the courts of justice, and other purposes ; Matthew Tilghman, William Paca, Robert Goldsborough, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

Senate met.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, March 27, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. The same members present as on yesterday except Samuel Wilson, Esquire. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 27, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house, having taken into consideration the roster of rank and the arrangement of the military officers reported by the committee of both houses, concur therewith, except in the following particulars. Colonel Stone to be seventh colonel in the place of colonel Shryock, and colonel Gunby also as lieutenant-colonel to take rank of colonel Shryock. Lieutenant-colonels will then stand in the roster, Gunby, Shryock, Hindman, Ramsey, Adams, Smith, Sim.

In the arrangement, this house have thought it necessary to make some alterations, in particular with regard to colonel Shryock, so that his major, and all his captains, lieutenants, and ensigns, should remain in the same battalion with him, because money hath been delivered out, and many men raised by him from the appointment of first colonel by the two houses, and great confusion might arise in the recruiting service without such transposition in the arrangement.

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