

“ By the house of delegates, March 19, 1777 : Read the second time and will pass.  
 “ By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Crabb and Mr. Burges from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President the memorial of doctor John Odle Hart, endorsed ; “ By the house of delegates, March 29, 1777 : Read and referred to the governor and council, with full power to take such order therein as they think proper.  
 “ By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.”

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the governor and council for the purposes aforesaid, so endorsed, and sent to the governor and council by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Adjourned till Monday 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, March 31, 1777.

**S**ENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on Saturday. Joseph Nicholson and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, appeared in the house. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Bishop from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state, endorsed ; “ By the house of delegates, March 14, 1777 : Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

“ By the house of delegates, March 31, 1777 : Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.”

Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Parran from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President the engrossed bills No. 1, 2, and 3, with the paper bills, endorsed ; “ Read and assented to.”

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 31, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken your message of the 29th instant by Mr. Grahame into consideration, and have concurred therewith in every particular, except that part which proposes the five judges of the court of appeals to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses ; we apprehend your honours have not adverted to the form of government, which empowers this house to send up a list of all officers in the nomination of the governor and council to your honours for your approbation ; after such list sent up, should we disagree in opinion, a joint ballot will then be necessary.

Our list of officers, judges and magistrates, is nearly completed, and we intend sending it up with all possible dispatch, after we have an answer to our message ascertaining the number of naval officers and their districts. Permit us to remind your honours that we have set many weeks, and the civil officers, judges and justices, are not yet agreed upon. We are of opinion many evils may attend too long delay, and therefore request an answer to our message concerning naval officers as soon as you can with conveniency.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The resolve of the house of delegates respecting districts and naval officers, was read a second time and concurred with, and in answer to the message by Messieurs Kent and Ewing, the following message was prepared, agreed to, and sent by Turbutt Wright, Esquire.

By the SENATE, March 31, 1777.

Gentlemen,

HAVING taken time to consider the propositions contained in your message of the 28th by Messieurs Maddox and Allein, which we shall take the liberty of doing upon all subjects offered for our consideration, we concur therewith. We see the importance of filling all the civil offices of government, and wish that business may be done as soon as you have agreed upon the different officers to be proposed to this house. If we have erred in the proposition made to you in the conclusion of our message of the 29th by Charles Grahame, Esq; our error arose from having copied expressions made use of in your message by Messieurs Crabb and Polk, and not from a desire to encroach in any degree upon the privileges of your house.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

A memorial of the lieutenants in the regular service was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates ; so endorsed and sent by Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esq;

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.