

Mr. Bishop and Mr. Brice from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers, endorsed as follows; "By the house of delegates, April 5, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

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

Mr. Schnebely and Mr. Williams from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President a bill, entitled, An act for the erecting barracks, endorsed as follows; "By the house of delegates, April 5, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

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Mr. Veazy and Mr. Edelen from the house of delegates, deliver to Mr. President a resolution relative to the appointment of paymasters to the several battalions of this state, which was concurred with by this house and sent to the governor by Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esq;

Adjourned till Monday 10 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 7, 1777.

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

The president communicated to the house the following letter:

Honoured Sir,

Annapolis, April 6, 1777.

AS there has not been any adjutant or quarter-master appointed to the first Maryland regiment, and as they are immediately necessary, I beg you will be pleased to mention it to the assembly, to know whether they mean to appoint themselves, or leave these appointments to the commanding officer of the regiment. I would wish also a clergyman to be appointed. Mr. Willmore has made application. I am, Sir, with respect, your very humble servant,

J. H. STONE.

Which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Mr. President communicated to the house the following letter from governor Johnson, enclosing several papers relating to the brig Friendship, all which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent to them by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

Gentlemen of the general assembly,

THE council received the enclosed letter and papers this day from captain Martin of the brig Friendship; knowing that captain Stone claims the brig, they with me, thought it imprudent either to cut and lengthen her agreeable to a verbal application of captain Martin, or as she is a very expensive vessel for her burthen, and the materials and repairs wanting very costly, to give orders agreeable to captain Martin's written request. It appears to us, though we are but little conversant in business of this sort, that if it is the determination that the public has the property in the brig, it would be best to sell her, but we wish your directions on the whole, which will be punctually followed.

April 5, 1777.

THOMAS JOHNSON, junior.

On reading the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, the following amendment was proposed: Between the words "required" and "shall" in the third line of the eleventh page, insert the words "by a magistrate of his county;" and it was agreed to. The question was then put, That the following clause, with the amendment, to wit:

"Whereas every person residing within this state enjoys the protection and benefit of the government thereof, and it is but just and reasonable, that every person, when required, ought to give testimony of his attachment and fidelity to this state, Be it enacted, That every male person within this state, above eighteen years of age, if required, shall take, repeat, and subscribe, the following oath (or declaration, if a quaker, menonist, or quaker) to wit: I, A. B. do swear (or solemnly, sincerely, and truly, declare and affirm) that I do not hold myself bound to yield any allegiance or obedience to the king of Great-Britain, his heirs or successors; and that I will be true and faithful to the state of Maryland, and will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain, and defend, the freedom and independence thereof, and the government as now established, against all open enemies and secret and traitorous conspiracies; and will use my utmost endeavours to disclose and make known to the governor, or some one of the judges or justices thereof, all treasons or traitorous conspiracies, attempts, or combinations, against this state or the government thereof, which may come to my knowledge—"be adopted by this house? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

George Plater, Joseph Nicholson, Turbutt Wright, and Thomas Contee, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. President, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Matthew Tilghman, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, and Charles Grahame, Esquires.

Mr. Tiliard