

M O N D A Y, April 14, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Charles Carroll, barrister, and Turbutt Wright, Esquires. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

Charles Grahame, Esquire, is appointed in the room of Turbutt Wright, Esquire, to join the gentlemen from the house of delegates, to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

Messieurs Bordley and Read from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, which was read a first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The amendments of the house of delegates to the bill, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, were read and assented to, and the bill, with the amendments, passed for engrossing.

On a second reading of the resolve of the house of delegates of the eleventh instant, ascertaining the allowance of the governor and other officers, it was assented to. Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

Mr. Hammond and Mr. Mason from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolves, which were read and assented to, and returned to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esquire.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 14, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the governor, with the advice of the council, have power and authority to contract with any person or persons to furnish rations or provisions, either at a certain price for the ration, or by allowing an adequate reward for the trouble such contractor may be at in procuring and furnishing such provisions, for the continental troops while in this state, and the artillery companies, and other troops in the pay and service of this state, for the particular defence thereof. And that the same may be done on the most reasonable terms, the governor be requested to give public notice by advertisement continued three weeks successively in the several news-papers of this state, and by such other means as he, with the advice of the council, may think most expedient, in order that every person inclined to furnish rations and provisions may make their application, and lay their terms before the governor and council.

That the governor, with the advice of the council, be requested to instruct the contractor or contractors aforesaid, to keep distinct and separate accounts of the provisions or rations furnished the troops in the pay of the continent, and this state, and lay the same before them at such times and places as the said contractor may be directed.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 14, 1777.

On reading and considering the petition of Robert Long, respecting an appeal prosecuted by William Pellett and company against the said Robert Long in the high court of appeals, RESOLVED, That the said appeal, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, shall not abate by the death of either of the parties, but that a determination of said appeal may be had, and judgment rendered, and all process issue, as if both parties were living, without any regard to the death of either party; and if such death should happen either before or after judgment in the court of appeals, such death shall not be taken advantage of, or be pleadable by the security on said appeal.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 28, 1777.

The house took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider of the memorials of the officers of the artillery companies of this state, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the officers and privates of said companies be entitled to and shall receive the same pay, and be subject to the same articles of war, as the continental marching regiments, from the commencement of their next month's pay.

RESOLVED, That John Fulford, Esquire, be and is hereby appointed major of artillery.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Bruff and Bishop from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer in certain cases.

The petition of Joseph Wheyland was read and referred to the house of delegates, and sent by Matthew Tilghman, Esquire.

Messieurs Veazy and Smith from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act concerning duties, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow.