

entry make of all other proceedings and transactions of the said commissioners, without any fraudulent practice whatsoever. So help me God.

And the said commissioners appointed by the house of delegates, shall thereupon proceed to business, and shall have the same power and authority as the commissioners of the loan-office heretofore had under the acts of assembly of Maryland, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Ennalls and Brice from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve :

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 16, 1777.

This house having, agreeable to the form of government, appointed a board of auditors, to state and adjust all accounts of this state relating either to the collection or expenditure of the revenue, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council, or, in the absence of the governor, the council, be authorized to examine and adjust all accounts transmitted by the auditors, and to draw orders on either of the treasurers for payment, and the treasurers shall pay all such orders.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq; The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning.

T H U R S D A Y, April 17, 1777.

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

Messieurs Brice and Read from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve, which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 17, 1777.

The house taking into consideration the proposals of Mr. Wallace, to erect galleries in the stadt-house, agreeable to a plan laid before the house, RESOLVED, That the sum of five hundred pounds be allowed to Mr. Wallace for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The bill, entitled, An act concerning duties, was read a second time, and will pass with the following amendments: Between the words "duties" and "on" in the second line, insert "imposed by act of assembly." Strike out the last line and insert "shall be taken or received within two years from the end of the present session of the general assembly."

Sent to the house of delegates, with the following message, by Charles Grahame, Esquire.

By the SENATE, April 17, 1777.

Gentlemen,  
YOUR bill, entitled, An act concerning duties, would operate as an effectual repeal of all which have been heretofore imposed by acts of assembly of this state, and seems to imply a promise that no duties whatever shall hereafter be taken. We cannot but think it improper, so near the end of the session, to go into a revival of all those laws and consider the propriety of repealing the whole by a perpetual act; we have therefore amended the bill so as to suspend all the acts imposing duties so far as they relate thereto, except on negroes, for two years, before the expiration of which time, we hope our commercial affairs will wear a more promising aspect. A general revival of the laws relative to trade may be proper, and we shall be better able to form a system for the regulating our commerce.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Messieurs Perkins and Maxwell from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve, which was read and dissented to.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 17, 1777.

This house took into consideration the appointment and meeting of the committees from the four New-England states, and conceiving that such meetings may create combinations and confederacies, and endanger the union of the states, by suspicion, jealousy, and fears of such bodies, RESOLVED unanimously, That it is the opinion of this house, that if any two or more of the United States meet by their commissioners or delegates, without the previous approbation of the United States in congress assembled, such meeting is a just object of jealousy to the rest, and that it belongs to the United States in congress assembled to enquire into the cause of such meeting, and express their approbation or disapprobation of such meeting, and the proceedings of such body.

By order,

G. DUVALL cl. ho. del.

The bill, entitled, An act to establish a board of commissioners to superintend the marine department, and to import military stores, was read a second time by an especial order and will not pass. Sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esq; with the following message:

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