

Representatives ought always to be accountable for their conduct to their constituents, yet when their proceedings remain secret, and their votes on the most important subjects are unknown, their conduct, though ever so censurable, will go unpunished for want of proper information.

We therefore instruct you to move for and endeavour to obtain, that all the journals of congress be regularly and expeditiously published, except such parts thereof as relate to military operations and secret correspondence; that all proceedings of congress, and all questions agitated and determined in that body, be entered on their journal, and that the yeas and nays of each member, if required by any state, be taken on every question, as stated and determined by the house.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, 19th April, 1777, by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the assessment of property in this state, was read a first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state, was read a second time and will pass.

The two last bills were sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esquire.

Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Bruff from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 20, and paper bill thereof, which was read and assented to.

Mr. Burges and Mr. Archer from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have resolved to adjourn to Monday the second day of June next, and hope that time will be agreeable to your honours.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Jordan and Mr. Douglass from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 21, which was read and assented to.

The bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, was read a first and second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esquire.

Mr. Wootton and Mr. Bordley from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 22, which was read and assented to.

Mr. Perkins and Mr. Bowie from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve, which was read and assented to.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 19, 1777.

RESOLVED, That each of the delegates to congress be allowed at the rate of twelve pounds ten shillings current money per week, for the time he shall be at, or travelling to or from, congress, in full satisfaction of his expences.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esquire.

The following resolve was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esquire.

By the SENATE, April 19, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state is requested to apply to congress for one of the battalions to be raised in this state, to be stationed at such places on the eastern shore as the governor and council shall direct.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Mr. Jackson and Mr. Polk from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 19, which was read and assented to.

Mr. Wright and Mr. Smoot from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve, which was read and assented to.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 19, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the justices of the several county courts of this state, or any three or more of them, may meet at the place of holding their respective county courts on the third Tuesday in May next, and may then and there elect and qualify the clerk of their court, and nominate constables and overseers of the road for their counties; but this resolve is not to extend to prevent any court, whose proceedings have been aided by acts of this session, from appointing their clerk or constables at their meeting in virtue of such acts.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esquire.

Senate adjourns till to-morrow.

SUNDAY,