

SUNDAY, April 20, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Paca, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Carroll, barrister. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Edelen from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the paper bill No. 15.

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, an act to promote the recruiting service, was sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Wilson, Esquire.

On the second reading of the resolve of the house of delegates of the 16th of April 1777, by Messieurs Ridgely and Williams, the same was assented to with the following amendment:

Between the words "had" and "under" in the third line from the bottom of the second page, insert the following: "Except the power of drawing bills of exchange to sink the bills of credit issued under an act of assembly, passed at a session begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the first day of November, 1766, entitled, An act for the payment of the public claims, for emitting bills of credit, and for other purposes therein mentioned."

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquire.

The journal of accounts was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

By the SENATE, April 20, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE cannot agree to adjourn to the second day of June, because we see no necessity for so early a meeting of the general assembly. We have resolved to adjourn to Monday the eighteenth day of August next, and wish you to consider whether that day will not be most convenient. Should any unforeseen event render it necessary to meet sooner, the governor and council have the power of calling the general assembly at any time before the day to which an adjournment is made.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read a second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Polk from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the paper bill No. 24, which was read and passed for engrossing.

The following paper bills, No. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, were sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esquire.

Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Bowie from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 23, which was read and assented to.

The following resolve was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

By the SENATE, April 20, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the judges of the general court be, and they or any one or more of them are hereby empowered to meet on the first Tuesday in June next, at the city of Annapolis, and on the third Tuesday in June next at Talbot court house, to appoint and qualify their clerks.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The engrossed bill No. 24, with the paper bill, was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquire.

Mr. Downes and Mr. Brice from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the resolve of this house sent by Mr. Stone, endorsed as follows; "By the house of delegates, April 20, 1777:"

Read and assented to.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The paper bill, No. 24, was returned to the house of delegates by Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq;

ORDERED, That George Plater and Charles Grahame, Esquires, acquaint the house of delegates, that the governor was present in the senate house, for the purpose of signing and sealing certain laws agreed to by the general assembly, and to desire their attendance. Whereupon the speaker, together with the members of the house of delegates also, presented the following to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of both houses.

No. 4. An act to expedite the march of troops in and through this state.

No. 5. An act to direct the forms of the commissions to the judges and justices and civil officers of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, the judges, justices, and all civil officers of this state.

No. 6. An act to direct in what manner all fines, forfeitures, and penalties, shall be recovered, and in what manner fines, forfeitures, penalties, and amerciaments, shall be applied.

No. 7. An act relating to the public buildings in Harford county.

No. 8.