

MONDAY, June 23, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Thomas Center, Esq; The proceedings of Saturday were read. Messieurs Jordan and Chaille from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 23, 1777.

The house took into consideration his excellency the governor's letter to the general assembly of the 19th instant, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the officers, mariners and marines, of any of the vessels of war fitted out by this state, be entitled to the same distribution of prize money as the officers, mariners and marines, in the continental service.

That the governor and the council be empowered, to fit out the sloop Molly, and the row-galley or xebec built by Mr. Stephen Steward, and to employ them as cruizers.

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

Which resolution was read and assented to, with the following amendment, viz. Strike out the following words in the second part of the resolution; "the sloop Molly and."

And the following message was therewith sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esquire.

(By) the SENATE, June 23, 1777.

Gentlemen, We cannot agree to that part of your resolution, which empowers the governor and the council to fit out the sloop Molly, and employ her as a cruizer, because we think she would be much more advantageously employed in a voyage to import salt and medicines, articles much wanted by, and very necessary to, the inhabitants of this state.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messieurs Enalls and Read from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 19, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

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

By the house of delegates, June 21, 1777: Read the second time and will pass. By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which bill was here read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Henry and Thomas from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 20, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

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

By the house of delegates, June 23, 1777: Read the second time and will pass. By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which bill was here read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill to revise the proceedings of St. Mary's county court, and George Plater and Thomas Stone, Esquires, were appointed to prepare the same.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, June 24, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Gibson and Brice, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 21, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

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

By the house of delegates, June 23, 1777: Read the second time and will pass. By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, was read the second time by an special order, and will pass with the following amendments:

In the third line of the first page strike out the word "person" and insert the words "two persons." In the fourth line of the same page strike out the word "first" and insert the word "fifteenth." In the fourteenth line of the same page strike out the word "person" and insert the words "two persons." In the nineteenth line of the same page, after the word "persons," strike out all that follows to the end of the twentieth line. In the fifth line of the second page strike