

Which was here read and concurred with. Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

Messieurs Henry and Crabb from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act relating to the treasurers, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 28, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass."

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.  
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, June 28, 1777.

Gentlemen,

IN answer to your message by Messieurs Sprigg and Burges, we are obliged to say, that we are giving the closest application to the public business, and are as desirous of returning to our homes as you can be, so soon as it can be done consistent with our duty. But the bill to regulate the militia now before us, and which came from you but yesterday, being of the most interesting nature, claims too much attention to admit of the least degree of hurry, and is too important to be postponed. We are therefore apprehensive, that the necessary business of this session cannot be completed time enough to rise this evening, and hope you will continue to sit until the same is finished.

We see nothing to render a meeting necessary before the time fixed by our form of government, and if any thing should occur, we confide in the governor and the council to convene the assembly. Considering the exceeding heavy tax that must soon fall on the people, we think saving the expence of a session an object by no means unworthy our attention. We shall therefore adjourn to the first Monday in November next.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Messieurs P. Thomas and Perkins from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 28, 1777.

THE house took into consideration his excellency's letter to the general assembly of this day, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the governor be requested to issue his proclamation, requiring all soldiers who enlisted in the late colonel Smallwood's battalion, or independent companies, to repair, within a limited time, to such places as he shall appoint, under the penalty of being treated as deserters, and that all who comply with the proclamation, will be indulged to enter into any of the battalions raised by this state, for three years, and shall thereupon receive the continental bounty and other allowances.

That the artillery companies and marines in the service of this state, be allowed the same pay, and receive the same cloathing as the continental marching regiments.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was here read and concurred with. Sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

Messieurs J. and O. Sprigg from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 28, 1777.

THE house took into consideration the memorial and accounts of Francis Muir, purser of the ship Defence, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the purser of the said ship be allowed twenty dollars per month, and that no perquisites be allowed to any officer in the service of this state.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was here read and concurred with. Sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldborough, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the treasurers, was read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messieurs Ennalls and Veazy from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 28, 1777.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by Joseph Nicholson, Esq; we are obliged to say, that we are very desirous of giving your honours all the time you could reasonably expect to consider the militia bill, or any other business that may lie on your table; we hoped the approach of harvest would have hastened you a little, more especially as the militia bill is a subject on which we expected no great diversity of sentiment between the two houses, and it was generally understood that the assembly intended to rise this evening, or early to-morrow.