

Messrs. Wright and L. Wilson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 2, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.  
"By the house of delegates, December 3, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass.  
"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

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

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, being read, the same was referred to to-morrow.

A letter from the president of congress to the governor, and articles of confederation and union between the United States, agreed to by congress and addressed to the several legislatures for their ratification; also a resolution, for raising by taxation the sum of 5,000,000 dollars; and for the better supplying the army with cloathing; and for regulating the prices of commodities throughout the United States; and for the confiscation and sale of forfeited estates; were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

The engrossed bills, No. 7 and 8, were read and assented to, and the paper bills sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

On motion, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered and directed to buy up such quantities of beef and pork, upon the eastern shore, as they may think necessary for the use of this state, at such prices as may, in their discretion, be judged reasonable; and that the governor and the council be directed to write to the honourable the continental congress, informing them of the probability that the enemy will supply themselves with provisions from the eastern shore, and that this state is desirous to supply the continental army with such provisions as can be spared from the eastern shore, and to know what price will be allowed by the continental commissary, for such provisions. And if the congress shall agree to give such prices for the said provisions as the governor and the council shall think reasonable, then the governor and the council may appoint proper and discreet persons to buy up all the provisions, intended for sale or fit for use, on the eastern shore. And if the persons so employed shall have good cause to suspect, that the owners of any stock or provisions withhold the same, with a view to supply the enemy, they shall have power to seize all such provision and stock, paying therefor the prices settled by the governor and the council, and allowing the owners to retain, for the use of their families, the usual quantity for one year. Sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Wilson, Esq;

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, was read the second time and will pass.

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state, was read the second time by an especial order, and will pass with the following amendments: In the fourth line of the first page, strike out the words, "or more." After the word, "court," in the sixteenth line of the same page, insert the words, "or on any day to which such court shall have been regularly adjourned." In the ninth line of the second page, after the word, "require," insert the words, "directed to the sheriff of the county where the party may reside."

The bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 4, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Charles Grahame, Esq; appeared in the senate. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day, for taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, being read, the same was referred to to-morrow.

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia; and the bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state (with the proposed amendments) were sent to the house of delegates by Turbutt Wright, Esq;

Messrs. Smith and Turner, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to amend the law to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 1, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.  
"By the house of delegates, December 4, 1777: Read the second time and will pass.

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

Thomas Stone, Esq; has leave of absence.

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