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The petition of Hamilton Calilo, and the petition of Hugh Dean, were read, and the several resolutions of the house of delegates thereon assented to; and the said petitions, with the paper bill, No. 11, were sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messrs. Ridgely and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to empower the county courts to issue subpoenas for witnesses residing in other counties, to attend trials to be had before such courts, and to direct the manner of issuing executions from one county to another, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, Dec. 9, 1777: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.
"By the house of delegates, Dec. 11, 1777: Read the second time, and will pass.

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

The said bill was read, and passed for engrossing. Messrs. West and Gresham, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 10, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, Dec. 11, 1777: Read and assented to.

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

Messrs. Smoot and Read, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve, relative to the ship Defence, and the galleys belonging to this state, and to the dispute subsisting between this state and capt. William Stone, which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees, was read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

The senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, and, after some debate thereon, adjourned till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, December 12, 1777.

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

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees, was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq.

The engrossed bill, No. 10, was read and assented to, and the paper bill sent to the house of delegates by William Handman, Esq.

The petition of Saul Ward and others, inhabitants of Somerset county, was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The governor communicates to the president a letter from the president of congress, and a resolution of congress, recommending to the several legislatures of the United States of America, to exchange their old bills of credit for continental money, or for bills of credit of the respective states, which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

The said letter, with the resolution, and the petition of Saul Ward and others, inhabitants of Somerset county, were sent to the house of delegates, by George Plater, Esq.

The bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry, on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Frederick-Town, in Frederick county, was read the second time, and will not pass.

The said bill, with the following message, was sent to the house of delegates, by William Paca, Esq;

By the SENATE, December 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have returned with a negative your bill, entitled, "An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Frederick-town in Frederick county; it not appearing to the senate, that the persons through whose lands the road is intended to pass, have had due notice of the petition which accompanied the bill, and which seems to have given occasion to it.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The governor communicates to the president a paper, containing the proposals of several persons who have for sale articles proper for the cloathing of soldiers, and requesting the advice of the general assembly, which was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 13, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceeding of yesterday

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Messrs.