

THURSDAY, December 18, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; appeared in the senate.

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

FRIDAY, December 19, 1777.

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

Messrs. Strawbridge and Crabb, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills, No 17 and 18, with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were thus severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1777: Read and assented to.

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

The said bills were read and assented to.

A letter from the speakers of the senate and the house of delegates of Virginia, to the general assembly of Maryland, in answer to the letter from the president and the speaker of December 1, relative to the claims of Virginia; and a resolve of the general assembly of Virginia, were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

By the SENATE, December 19, 1777.

Gentlemen,

IN consequence of the letter and resolve herewith transmitted, we propose that three commissioners be appointed, by the joint ballot of both houses, to meet the commissioners appointed by the general assembly of Virginia. Conceiving it will also be proper to name a committee from both houses to draw up instructions for regulating the conduct of our commissioners, in transacting the business to be entrusted to them, we have appointed Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Thomas Stone, and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esqrs. for that purpose.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to enable the judges of the general court to appoint their clerks, and to empower such clerks to provide repositories for the records; and Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers the same to the president, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq;

Messrs. Winder and Contee, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the aforesaid bill, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The said bill was read and passed for engrossing.

The governor communicates to the president a letter from the president of congress, and a resolve, for requiring the immediate attendance of the absent members; which were read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messrs. Doye and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are desirous that the commissioners appointed to meet at Fredericksburg should be immediately informed thereof by a joint letter from the president of your house and the speaker of this, and should your honours concur with the resolve herewith sent, the commissioners may be acquainted therewith.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

with a resolve for an allowance for the commissioners who are to meet at Fredericksburg.

The said message was read, the proposition therein assented to, and the message so endorsed.

The said resolve was read and assented to, and, with the message, sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

The paper bills, No. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, were sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messrs. Kent and Brice, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve, for instructing the delegates in congress, respecting the articles of confederation; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The memorial of James Maynard was read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by George Plater, Esq;

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