

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THE advanced season of the year calls upon us to put an end to the business of the session as speedily as possible; we hope every thing material may be finished by to-morrow evening, at which time this house propose to rise, and have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday in March next.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate proceeded to ballot, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, sealed up, and delivered to the committee appointed by this house to join the committee of the house of delegates to take the joint ballot of both houses, who retired to the conference room, and after some time returned, and reported, That Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Chase, Esqrs. are duly elected commissioners for this state, to meet the commissioners of Virginia, for the purpose of settling the navigation of, and the jurisdiction over, that part of Chesapeake bay which lies within the limits of Virginia, and the rivers Patowmack and Potomack.

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

MONDAY, December 22, 1777.

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

Messrs. Magruder and Ridgely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have taken into consideration the letter from his excellency Thomas Johnson, Esquire, of the 20th instant, relative to Messieurs Paca and Chase, and have thereupon RESOLVED, That a delegate to congress cannot, consistent with the declaration of rights and the constitution and form of government, be at the same time one of the judges of the general court. Should your honours concur with us in opinion, the sense of the two houses may be notified to his excellency by the honourable president of the senate and the speaker of the house of delegates.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and the resolve therein concurred with, and the message sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Messrs. Winder and H. Wilson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the special appointment of inspectors, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 22, 1777: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read the first and second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates, by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messrs. Maxwell and M'Pherson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve for increasing the allowance of the members of the general assembly, which was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

The president communicates to the senate a letter from B. T. B. Worthington, Esq; resigning his appointment of one of the commissioners to meet the commissioners of Virginia and North-Carolina at Frederickburg, which was read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esq;

By the S. E. N. A. T. E., December 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WHEN the business of the present session shall be finished, this house have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday in March next.

By order,

A. CHANSON, cl. sen.

Messrs. Lethbrury and Kent, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve for establishing the salaries of the judges of the general court, and the salary of the attorney-general; which was read and assented to.

Messrs. Maxwell and Quynn, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a resolve to empower the governor and the council to appoint persons on the eastern shore to audit and settle the accounts of the militia of that shore; which was read, and assented to.

Messrs. Benson and Somervill, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 22, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The said journal was read and assented to.

Messrs.