

the bay of Chesapeake which lies within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke: A letter from George Mason, Esq; referred to in the said report: And a letter from George Wythe, Esq; speaker of the house of delegates of Virginia, enclosing a resolve of that commonwealth, appointing commissioners to meet those nominated by this state for the purpose aforesaid; which were severally read, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; delivers to the president the reports from the committee of both houses authorized to enquire into the state of the public offices during the recess of assembly, and appointed to examine, during the recess of assembly, the state and condition of the loan-office, and the expenditure of public money; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Henry Hollingsworth, of Cæcil county, reciting, That he contracted, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-six, with the then council of safety, for a number of musquets and bayonets, and that by agreement the price was to be ascertained by the convention: That from the high price of iron, steel, &c. he continued the manufactory at a great expence: And therefore prays the assembly to make such allowance for the barrels and bayonets as may be adequate to the rise of iron, steel, and other necessary expences. Which was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Samuel Wilson, Esq;

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for declaring the resolves of convention and assembly which have the force of laws; and Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, Robert Goldsborough, Samuel Wilson, and William Hindman, Esqrs. were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the powers of the governor and the council; and the committee nominated by the preceding motion were appointed to prepare and bring in the same.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, setting forth their distressed situation in consequence of the arrival of the British fleet and army at the head of Chesapeake bay, and praying relief for the depredations committed on them by the enemy, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

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

T H U R S D A Y, April 2, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Turbutt Wright, Esq; appeared in the senate.  
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Mr. West and Mr. J. Hall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 31, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

"By the house of delegates, April 2, 1778: Read the second time, and will pass.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

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

F R I D A Y, April 3, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army was read a first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from the governor, enclosing his letter to lieut. col. Smith of the 4th regiment, relative to a convicted servant belonging to Thomas Worthington,