

On motion, ORDERED, That William Hindman, Esq; wait upon his excellency, and request his attendance in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills. The governor appeared in the senate. ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll, barrister, Esqrs. acquaint the house of delegates, that the governor is ready to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request their attendance in the senate. The house of delegates appeared in the senate, and the following engrossed bills were presented by the speaker to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in presence of the members of both houses.

No. 4. An act empowering Robert Richardson and Thomas Kemp to sell and dispose of the real estate of Philip Wetherell, deceased, and to apply the money arising therefrom to special purposes therein mentioned.

No. 5. An act to procure troops for the American army.  
The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 13, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Thomas Jenings, Esq; has leave of absence.  
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met,  
Mr. Maddux and Mr. Gresham, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 13, 1778.

May it please your honours,

WE have agreed to all the amendments sent down with the bill for the speedy recovery of public debts, except striking out that clause of the bill which creates a lien on the lands of the debtors to the continent and this state, from and after the commencement of suit in the courts of justice. We wish your honours to reconsider this amendment, and, if you are satisfied of the propriety of the measure, recede from it. Large sums of money have been issued by order of congress as well as by order of this state, to effect useful purposes, and the services intended have been in many instances totally neglected by the persons entrusted, and the money either squandered or applied to private use. We apprehend some preference ought to be given to public claims, and that there may be a failure of justice, in many instances, if debtors to the public be allowed to alienate their real estate after suit brought. The case of loan-office bonds, we think, ought to have some weight; the lands of the obligor are bound from the time of contracting the debt, and we apprehend no great inconvenience can arise by giving the preference. Want of notice cannot be alleged, because purchasers may have notice, by applying only to the clerk of the general or county court, which they many times are obliged to do that they may be sure there are no incumbrances on the estate of the vender.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

Charles Grahame, Esq; appeared in the senate.

The bill, entitled, An act for allowing a further time for taking the oath of fidelity and support to this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That Turbutt Wright and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the powers of the governor and council; also a bill, entitled, An act for declaring the resolves of convention and assembly, which have the force of laws.

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

T U E S D A Y, April 14, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Thomas Jenings, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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