

enemy and the inhabitants of these states, which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, and the petition of Solomon Bird, of Somerset county, praying to be admitted to take the oath of fidelity and allegiance to this state, were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, Esq; barrister.

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read a first and second time, by especial order, and passed.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. Henry, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 22, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house are greatly surpris'd at your dissent to the bill, declaring that all persons required by the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, to take the oath or affirmation of support and fidelity to this state, and who did not take the same within six weeks after the first day of March last, are liable to the treble tax on all public and county assessments, and other disabilities mentioned in the said act. A bare negative can neither inform us or the public of the motives which governed your honours in rejecting the said bill. As we suppose your honours have reasons for your negative, we cannot but wish you would disclose them to this house. Nothing but a sense of the importance of the bill, and an anxious sollicitude, that our and your constituents should have the fullest information respecting the conduct of both houses on all momentous subjects, could have incited us, at this time, to call on your honours for the reasons which influenced you to dissent to a law, in which, as we conceive, the welfare and happiness of our country are so deeply involved.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho, del.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Matthew Tilghman and Thomas Jenings, Esqrs. were appointed a committee to prepare an answer thereto.

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

T U E S D A Y, June 23, 1778.

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

Mr. Maccubbin and Mr. Chew, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 23, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized to order the public records, books, and papers, removed from the city of Annapolis on account of the enemy, or such of them as they may think proper, to be brought back to the said city, under the care of the several officers who have them in possession, at the expence of this state.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates, by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Mr. Crabb and Mr. Young, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain nonjurors, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 23, 1778: 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 time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Veazey and Mr. Hughes, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 23, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THE business before this house being nearly finished, we do not know any thing to prevent our rising this day. We therefore think proper to inform you the 3d day of October next is the time to which this house propose to adjourn.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read:

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