

Amendments are as follow: In the first line of the last clause strike out the word "said," and in the second line of the same clause after the word "infants," insert "herein before mentioned." Which being read and agreed to, the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the joint committee of both houses, appointed to prepare a declaration, and instructions to our delegates in congress, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of both houses appointed to prepare a declaration relative to the confederation, and instructions to our delegates in congress.

YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have agreed to the draught of a declaration, and instructions to our delegates in congress, relative to the confederation, and other important subjects, and have herewith laid a duplicate of the same before the senate, for their consideration.

Signed per order,

JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

Which were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Hughes and Strawbridge from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house recommend Benjamin Rumsey, Benjamin Mackall the fourth, Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray, Esquires, to be judges of the court of appeals. If your honours concur in this recommendation, notice thereof may be immediately given to the governor and council. But if your honours should not concur in the recommendation of any or all of them, this house is ready to go into a joint ballot for so many as your honours may disagree to.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The following message, in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esquire.

By the SENATE, December 12, 1778.

Gentlemen,

THIS house agree to the appointment of Benjamin Rumsey, Benjamin Mackall 4th, Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray, Esquires, to be judges of the court of appeals, being the gentlemen you have recommended for that purpose.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Messieurs Sprigg and H. Goldborough from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act directing the manner of suing public bonds, and to aid proceedings in the several courts upon such bonds, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 14, 1778: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Messieurs Crabb and Maccubbin from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Darnall and others, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 11, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, December 12, 1778: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Hammond and M'Comas from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to make valid a deed from Edward Truman to James Truman of Prince-George's county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, December 12, 1778: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

SUNDAY, December 13, 1778.

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Darnall and others, was read the second time by especial order and passed with the following amendments:

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