

the sole right of framing, altering, and amending, money bills, and therefore this house declines giving any answer to the said message.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.  
Messieurs J. Beall and Keene, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 23, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.  
"By the house of delegates, March 23, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."  
Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

Messieurs Hall and J. Hanson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills, No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9; which engrossed bills, No. 2 and 3, were severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 13, 1779: Read and assented to;" and the engrossed bill, No. 4, "By the house of delegates, March 17, 1779: Read and assented to;" and the engrossed bills, No. 5, 6, 7, and 9, were severally endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 23, 1779: Read and assented to."

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.  
Which engrossed bills were severally read and assented to.

Messieurs M<sup>c</sup>Comas and Norris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to amend and repair the public roads in Harford county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 21, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.  
"By the house of delegates, March 21, 1779, 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 bill, entitled, An act to amend and repair the public roads in Harford county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass, and sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

On reading a second time the bill, entitled; A supplement to the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative; Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; only dissenting.

The said bill, together with the following message, was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, March 23, 1779.

Gentlemen,

THE declining to answer our message is a conduct so singular, and so unbecoming a branch of legislature, that we really should have been at a loss to conceive to what motives it might be ascribed, had not your message of this day, accompanied with a resolve in reply to ours, calling for an answer, discovered to us, that a warm and zealous attachment to the rights and privileges of your own house had excited some fears and jealousies of a design in ours to encroach on those rights and privileges; had we been left to guess at your motive, we might have ascribed it to a different cause: It is indeed remarkable, that those fears and jealousies should immediately vanish, when two days after we returned you the resolve of your house, for encreasing our own allowances without limitation of time, with a negative, accompanied by a message, proposing an alteration to be inserted in another resolve, to which you most readily agreed. The consistency and propriety of your conduct in these two instances, we shall leave to yourselves to determine; suffer us only to remark, as something extraordinary, that your extreme sensibility and watchfulness for your rights in the first instance was so soon followed by great calmness and ready acquiescence in the second. The objection mentioned in our message by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; most clearly lying against the original law, and as we then thought against the present bill, which in respect of the assessment of an additional pound rate is consolidated with it, and being in our opinion very material, we were constrained by our love of justice, which in all acts of legislation should at all times be preserved, to point it out to you. We did it without the least intention of infringing the rights of your house, and in a manner we judged most unexceptionable, that you might have an opportunity, if you thought proper, of making the alteration; and although upon reconsideration of the bill,

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