

it appears doubtful whether our objection does so clearly apply against that, as against the original, yet we still think it worthy your notice, as all laws ought to be couched in the most clear and unequivocal terms. However, gentlemen, as you have determined, perhaps wisely, to enter into no argument on the occasion, which in truth we had no intention or desire of leading you into, and as we have not in any instance discovered a disposition to make the least attempt, either directly or indirectly, to violate the rights and privileges of your house, we shall at present content ourselves with sending you down the bill with our assent, which it was our intention to have done, had you not agreed with us in sentiment on the proposed objection, and which, indeed, is plainly enough implied in the message itself.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, March 24, 1779.

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

Messieurs C. Ridgely and Deye, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Henry Stevenson, sheriff of Baltimore county, 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.

Messieurs Barnes and Magruder, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Lightfoot, a languishing prisoner in Talbot county gaol, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 23, 1779: Read the first and 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 for the relief of Henry Stevenson, sheriff of Baltimore county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Lightfoot, a languishing prisoner in Talbot county gaol, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messieurs J. Mackall and T. Mackall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, 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 24, 1779: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Messieurs R. Goldsborough and Lloyd, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Bartlett, of Talbot county, and the reverend Bartholomew Booth, of Frederick county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 24, 1779: Read the first and second time by an 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 following message was sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, March 24, 1779.

Gentlemen,

THE session being so near at an end, we esteem it our duty to call your attention to some matters which we deem of great importance. It is incumbent on the legislature in all circumstances, more particularly in the present, to retrench every useless expence. We are of opinion, the matross companies in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town are of little or no service, and they are certainly very expensive. They may render essential services in the continental army, and we could wish, if you coincide with us in opinion, that they might be joined to our quota of troops serving under his excellency general Washington, and be taken into the pay of the United States. Considerable sums of money, we have been informed, may be raised by the sale of the ship Defence, the galleys, and of several other articles and materials belonging to