

to this state. We submit to you, whether it would not be prudent to give a discretionary power to the governor and council to dispose of all or such of the galleys, and of other articles, as they may judge proper for the benefit of the state.

By order,

H. RIDGELY,

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of James Bartlett, of Talbot county, and the reverend Bartholomew Booth, of Frederick county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met:

Messieurs J. Beall and Gresham, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution;

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 24, 1779.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That his excellency general Washington is hereby fully empowered and requested to settle the rank of all officers of the Maryland forces in the continental service, in such manner as to him shall seem most proper, and consistent with justice, both with respect to rank and grade. And that the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates be desired immediately to transmit this resolution to his excellency general Washington by express.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Quynn and Job, from the house of Delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 24, 1779.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general or deputy auditor be, and they are hereby empowered to administer oaths or interrogatories to any person or persons respecting any accounts laid before them for their approbation.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

On reading a second time the 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, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president, Joseph Nicholson, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, William Hindman, and Richard Barnes, Esquires.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, Barrister, and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquires.

The said bill was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

Messieurs Barnes and Schnebely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills, No. 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, with the paper bills therof, which engrossed bills were thus severally endorsed; No. 8, "By the house of delegates, March 21, 1779: Read and assented to." No. 10, "By the house of delegates, March 23, 1779: Read and assented to." No. 11, 12, 13, and 14, "By the house of delegates, March 24, 1779: Read and assented to."

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho del."

Which engrossed bills were severally read and assented to.

The resolution of the house of delegates, empowering the auditor-general to administer oaths, was read and assented to.

The resolution respecting the rank of the Maryland officers was read and assented to, with the amendments herewith sent.

In the 8th line of the resolution, respecting rank, strike out the word "immediately," and in the last line strike out the word "express" and insert "post."

The said resolutions were sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

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

T H U R S D A Y, March 25, 1779.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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