

Messieurs Gantt and Chew, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to restrict the delegates of this state in congress from engaging in any trade, either foreign or domestic, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, July 24, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.
"By the house of delegates, July 27, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.
On motion, ORDERED, That the gentlemen of this house who are delegates to congress, give information to the senate of the business transacted in congress, and they attended accordingly.
A letter from his Excellency general Washington, to the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, respecting the rank and claims of the officers of the Maryland line, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;
The senate adjourns till 4 o'clock.

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

The senate met: Joseph Sim, Esq; appeared in the senate, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution, took his seat.
On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act empowering the governor and council to order the general court for the western shore to be held at such place as they shall think safe and convenient during the present war; and Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the same.
Thomas Stone, Esq; has leave of absence.
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, July 28, 1779.

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

Messieurs Barnes and Wilmer, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 1, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, July 28, 1779: Read and assented to.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Messieurs Gantt and T. Mackall, 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, July 27, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

"By the house of delegates, July 28, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The petition of sundry proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, commonly called Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Samuel Wilson, Esq;
The bill, entitled, An act empowering the governor and council to order the general court for the western shore to be held at such place as they shall think safe and convenient during the present war, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
The senate adjourns till 4 o'clock.

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

The senate met.
Messieurs Beall and Cramphin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act establishing a mode to perpetuate testimony, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, July 24, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

"By the house of delegates, July 28, 1779: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments proposed.
"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Amendments proposed.
After the word "and," in the 13th line of the bill, insert, "in case of absence."
At the end of the bill insert the following clauses: "Provided always, That in case of minors who have no guardian or trustee, and in case of absentees who are residents of this state, and of all other absentees residents of other of the United States, or residing in foreign states in amity with the United States, where such absentees have no trustee, guardian, agent, or attorney, the common