

6. VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

five. After the word "Lauder," in the first line of the second page, insert, "on taking the oath and delivering a certificate thereof as aforesaid."

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Smoot and M'Gee, 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, November 16, 1779: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the reverend Francis Lauder, was with the amendments sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq;

The memorial of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, and the petition of Leonard Gray, praying to be relieved from the treble tax, were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 17, 1779.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Joseph Sim, Esq; appeared in the senate.

Messieurs Gaunt and B. Hall, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill, No. 2, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 17, 1779: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The members of the senate, who are delegates to congress, having acquainted the senate, that a request had been made them, by order of the house of delegates, to attend in their house, to give information of the business transacted in congress, desired leave of the senate to attend in consequence of the said request; whereupon leave was given to attend within the bar of the house of delegates.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the joint committee of both houses, delivers to the president the following report:

At a committee of both houses of assembly appointed to prepare a draught of an address to
Thomas Johnson, Esq; late governor of this state,

W E R E P R E S E N T,

Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and William Paca, Esquires, senators;

John Henry, John Hall, and Peregrine Lethrbury, Esquires, delegates.

Who made choice of Matthew Tilghman, Esq; chairman, and Mr. Henry Ridgely, clerk.

YOUR committee, appointed for the purpose aforesaid, have agreed upon the form of an address to be presented to the late governor, and submit the same to the consideration of the honourable the general assembly.

Signed by order of the committee,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

To THOMAS JOHNSON, Esq; late GOVERNOR of MARYLAND,

The ADDRESS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

S I R,

THE prudence, assiduity, firmness, and integrity, with which you have discharged, in times the most critical, the duties of your late important station, have a just claim to our warm acknowledgments and sincerest thanks.

While dissipation and avarice have too generally prevailed, your conduct, Sir, has afforded a conspicuous example of unwearied attention and close application to the public welfare, and of disinterestedness, in foregoing those profits your known industry, knowledge of business, and of your profession, could not have failed of securing.

We approve and admire that consistency of conduct and uniformity of character, which distinguish a life, devoted, from a very early period, to the true interests of your country, steadily and invariably pursued through a variety of important trusts; and relying on this your ruling passion, the love of your country, we have the best founded hope, that you will not suffer to remain long inactive, in the retirement of private life, those abilities which have often been so serviceable to the state, and of which it never than at the present time stood in greater need.

On motion, Leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for establishing the mode of ordination of ministers of the Church of England for the present; and Matthew Tilghman,
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