

its being postponed, even should the final passage of it be the result of a full and free discussion.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act to encrease the allowance of magistrates, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

His Excellency the governor communicates to the president a letter from the minister plenipotentiary of his Most Christian Majesty, which was read and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent distilling grain into spirit, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill, entitled, An act for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek, was read the second time and will not pass.

Which said last mentioned bills, together with the engrossed bill No 5, and the paper bill thereof, were sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

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

T U E S D A Y, December 21, 1779.

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

Messieurs Dennis and Stricker, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 5, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1779: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

And the paper bill; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1779: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

ORDERED, That Joseph Sim and Upton Sheredine, Esquires, tax the fees and expences incurred on the passage of the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis, and make report thereon.

The bill, entitled, An act to encrease the allowance of magistrates, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments. Strike out the preamble. Strike out the first enacting clause. Strike out the word "and," in the beginning of the fourteenth line of the second page. After the word "enacted," in the seventeenth line of said page, insert the words "by the general assembly of Maryland." Strike out from the word "of," in the sixteenth line of the third page to the word "and," in the eighteenth line of said page, and insert the words "thirty pounds currency." Strike out the words "twenty-five pounds, or the value thereof, as above mentioned," in the second and third lines of the fourth page, and insert "fifteen pounds currency." In the eighth line of the said page, strike out the word "fifty," and insert "thirty." The said bill was sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Sim, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Keene and Read, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 21, 1779.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE propose to go into the choice of delegates to congress to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock, in the usual mode. We propose to ballot for two members to be out first, and then for six members to be in, and have nominated Mr. Bayly, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Ringgold, to join such members, as your honours may appoint to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Upton Sheredine, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 21, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

WE assent to the propositions contained in your message of this day by Messieurs Keene and Read, and have appointed Joseph Sim and Upton Sheredine, Esquires, to join the members named by your house in the examination of the ballot boxes.

By order,

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H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. J.