

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

Honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president, honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Richard Barnes, Joseph Sim, and Upton Sheredine, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable B. T. B. Worthington and William Hindman, Esquires.

Messieurs Key and Barnes, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 41, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1779: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which engrossed bill was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The resolution for making allowances to the delegates to congress of the present nomination; the resolution for making compensation to the civil officers for past services; the resolution for augmenting the salaries of the civil officers, and the journal of accounts, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

The message from the house of delegates by Messieurs Sprigg and Birkhead was read, and the following message in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

TO your long message of this day, by Messieurs Sprigg and Birkhead, on the subject of confiscation, sent us at the moment almost when both houses expected to rise, we presume you do not look for an answer. Decency, however, requires, that we acknowledge the receipt, and that it has been read. Circumstances do not allow us to say more than what in justice to ourselves we are constrained to say, that we remark some misrepresentation, and much fallacy of argument. It was our wish at first, and nothing now remains but to refer the subject to the consideration of another session, not because your reasoning is unanswerable, but because the intention of both houses to rise this evening, will not admit of such an answer as might otherwise well be given. We propose to adjourn to the 29th day of March next.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Messieurs M'Mechen and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 33, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 27, 1779: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which engrossed bill was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

Messieurs Bruff and M'Gee, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1779.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and fully empowered to direct, that a guard be hired upon the most reasonable terms that can be obtained, for the security of the powder magazine near Frederick-town, or any other magazines in this state, and that they be requested to have the account of expences heretofore incurred on behalf of this state, relative to such magazines, audited, adjusted, and paid.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1779.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to congress from this state for the year preceding the present appointment, be allowed at the rate of twenty-five pounds per day during their attendance in congress, and in going to, and returning from thence, in lieu of all expences.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Ringgold and W. Stevenson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 30, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The resolution empowering the governor and council to fix a guard over the powder magazine near Frederick-town; the resolution making allowance to the late delegates to congress, were read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Sim, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Upton Sheredine, Esq; Messieurs J. Stevenson and M'Gee, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the en-

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