

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 11

RESOLVED, That where commissions commonly called letters of marque and reprisals, are granted to armed vessels going on mercantile voyages, the naval officer clearing out such vessels be directed by the governor and council to endorse on the clearance of such vessel, a minute description of the persons of the master and his mate, with their age, stature, complexion, and other visible distinguishing marks, respectively, under the seal of his office; and that he require the master and mate to undersign their clearance in his presence.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which were read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Upton Sheredine, Esq;

A memorial from Benedict Calvert, requesting a further time for providing the horses required of nonjurors by an act passed last session, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by William Hemsley, Esq;

Messieurs Plowden and Whitely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message X

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 28, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, from an earnest desire of dispatching the public business at this advanced season of the year, have altered their hours of sitting, and agreed to sit from half after nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and from half after three till six.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read.

Messieurs Dalhiell and Morris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax and county rate not collected by the late sheriff, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, November 27, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

F. GREEN clk.

"By the house of delegates, November 28, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

Messieurs Kent and Duckett, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 28, 1780.

RESOLVED, That no public bond due to the loan-office shall be paid off during the present session of assembly, unless in the new bills of credit, at the rate of £. 166 13 4 in the said new bills for every hundred pounds sterling, and at the same rate for every greater or lesser sum.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

The senate adjourns till 2 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The resolution respecting public bonds was read and assented to.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 29, 1780.

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

The resolution respecting public bonds, with the bill empowering the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax, &c. was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

A petition from William Cooke was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 2 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The engrossed bill No. 3, was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

Messieurs Potts and Taylor, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 29, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chase, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Cadwader, a committee to prepare a draught of instructions to our delegates in congress, relative to the