

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, February 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE business of compleating the military appointments of our quota of the army, appears to us so important, that we think it ought not to suffer the least delay. We therefore propose, for the sake of dispatch, that the council of safety be directed to establish the proceedings of the commissioners, who were sent to the camp by the late convention, and compleat the whole military arrangement, that the recruiting service may be expedited; and we the rather incline to establish what has already been done; as we are of opinion, that the commissions and appointments under the above authority ought not, upon a consideration of all circumstances, now to be supereded. This method we have thought of to forward this important work; but if it should be more agreeable to you to proceed in it by a committee of both houses, we shall readily concur with you.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to draught a proclamation for the suppression of the insurgents in Somerset and Worcester counties; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. Galloway, were elected a committee for that purpose.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Hammond.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE concur with you in opinion, that the compleating the military appointments of our quota of the army is so important that it ought not to suffer the least delay; but we cannot accede to your proposition, that the council of safety be directed to establish the proceedings of the commissioners, who were sent to camp by the late convention: we are desirous the whole matter should be left at large to a committee of both houses, and when the rank of the officers is finally settled under the direction of the general assembly, we are of opinion it will have more weight, and therefore agree to your last proposition of proceeding in the business by a committee of both houses, and have nominated Mr. Hall, Mr. Kent, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Beall, to join with such members of the senate as you may think proper to appoint.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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

T U E S D A Y, February 11, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Horsey and Mr. Stone. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Shepherd has leave of absence for a few days.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, February 10, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have appointed George Plater, Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, and Joseph Nicholson, Esquires, to join the members appointed by your house, for the purposes mentioned in your message by Messieurs Sheredine and Hammond.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On reading a letter and several resolutions of the honourable congress to brigadier-general Smallwood, and the orders of the board of war to colonel Mordecai Gist, in which he was directed to apply to the supreme authority of this state for directions as to the disposition of such persons as he should take in arms, or otherwise opposing the measures of congress, or aiding or assisting the enemies of these United States, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to prepare and bring in such directions; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Kent, were elected a committee for that purpose.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them that this house have appointed Mr. Kent, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Jordan, to join one or more of the members of the senate to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The following message being prepared was sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Gibson.

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