

T U E S D A Y, February 25, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Downes: Mr. Smith and Mr. Burges appeared in the house.
Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Hammond, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. M^sPherson, appeared in the house.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 26, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Tillard and Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

Mr. Lethbrury, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of elections and privileges beg leave to report, That by the certificate of the mayor and two of the aldermen of the city of Annapolis, it appears that Messieurs Samuel Chase and John Brice are declared and returned duly elected delegates for the city of Annapolis.
By order of the com. JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read, and the house concur therewith.

Mr. John Brice, a delegate returned for the city of Annapolis, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, he took his seat.

The committee of claims having laid before the house an account from the treasurer of the eastern shore, in which was contained a charge of nineteen pounds five shillings, of the bills of credit emitted by resolutions of the convention in December seventeen hundred and seventy-five, which had been put in the hands of Mr. Joseph Bruff to sign, and was lost, and the said treasurer having exhibited to the house a receipt for the delivery thereof, as aforesaid,

ORDERED, That the same be read: and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to write to the said Joseph Bruff, requiring him to render a satisfactory account to this house of the said sum of nineteen pounds five shillings.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the election of delegates for Somerset county being read, **ORDERED**, That the same be referred for consideration till Wednesday the fifth day of March next.

Mr. Chase and Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That one person be added to the committee appointed to receive all petitions and proposals for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and devise the best ways and means of promoting trade and commerce within this state; and Mr. Chase was elected to be of the said committee.

On reading a second time the representation from the justices of Anne-Arundel county court, on motion, leave given to bring in a bill for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Tillard, and Mr. Brice, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Craufurd appeared in the house.

Several letters, resolutions, and recommendations, from the honourable congress, of the twenty-seventh, thirtieth, and thirty-first of December, seventeen hundred and seventy-six, of the ninth, fourteenth, twenty-second, and thirty-first of January last, and of the fifteenth, seventeenth, and twentieth of this instant, and a letter from his excellency general Washington of the thirty-first of January last, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Sprigg appeared in the house.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; one of the delegates of this state in congress, relative to the borrowing money on interest, for and on behalf of the continent, which was read; and thereupon the house taking the same into consideration, **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this house, that no more than four per cent. interest ought to be given for money to be borrowed on the credit of the United States, unless in cases of absolute necessity for defraying the public expences, where no other better mode can be adopted, then, and in case of such necessity, this house are of opinion five per cent. may be given.

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ORDERED,