

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a message to the senate, requesting their concurrence with the above resolution: and Mr. Hall, Mr. Sheredine, and Mr. Henry, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

A petition from James Hindman, late captain of the fourth independent company of regulars belonging to this state, setting forth, that while he was captain of the said company, he purchased, for the sum of seventy pounds, two servants, the one a drummer, the other a fifer, for the use of the said company; that the said drummer and fifer went with the said company into the service of the United States; that the fifer was taken prisoner by the enemies of America, and was afterwards retaken, and for some reason unknown to him confined in Morris-Town; and that the drummer is now in Talbot county, at full liberty to enter into the service of this country; and therefore praying the general assembly to take the matter into consideration, and make him such an allowance as might be thought reasonable, was read a first and second time. ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts set forth in the said petition, and make report thereof; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Chase, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The following message being prepared, was read and concurred with.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 26, 1777.

May it please your honours,

UPON consideration of the letter herewith transmitted, from Samuel Chase, Esq; one of the delegates of this state in congress, addressed to our speaker, this house have come to the following resolution, viz.

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.

Should your honours concur with us in opinion, a letter may be sent from the president of the senate and the speaker of this house, addressed to the delegates in congress for this state, informing them of the opinion of the general assembly.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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

T H U R S D A Y, February 27, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Smithson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house. Mr. Henry Dickinson, a delegate returned for Caroline county, 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. Mr. Bruff has leave of absence.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county.

On motion, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to consider and report in what manner the judges of the court of appeals shall be constituted: and Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. Henry, were chosen a committee for that purpose.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house proceeded to prepare a list of the officers in the appointment of the governor and council, to be proposed to the senate for their concurrence: and the same being prepared, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, February 28, 1777.

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

The house appoint Mr. Thomas Gaffaway and Mr. Benjamin Harwood commissioners of the loan-office; Mr. Thomas Harwood, junior, treasurer of the western shore, and Mr. William Hindman, treasurer of the eastern shore.

On motion, the question was put, That Mr. Green immediately attend at the bar of this house, and inform them why the proceedings of the late convention were not published before the election of delegates to serve in general assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Jordan,  
Ford,  
Perkins,  
Maxwell,  
Yeates,

Tillard,  
Hammond,  
Turner,  
Ridgely,  
Stevenson,

Shepherd,  
R. Bond,  
Ewing,  
Bowie,  
Sprigg,

Magruder,  
Brice,  
Kent,  
Selby,  
Mitchell,

Edelen,  
Sheredine,  
J. Bond,  
Douglass,  
Dickinson,

Beall,  
Williams,  
Crabb,  
Burgess.

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