

On reading a letter from Mr. John Bracco, setting forth, that he had been informed he was appointed register of wills and a commissioner of the peace for Talbot county, since which nomination he had been chosen and returned a delegate to represent that county, and that in consequence of his appointment he resigned his seat as a delegate for Talbot county aforesaid; And, A letter from Mr. James Murray, informing the house, that the particular situation of his family obliged him to resign his seat as a delegate for Dorchester county.

The house accepts the resignations of Mr. Bracco and Mr. Murray, and Mr. Speaker issued his warrants for the elections of others in their stead.

On motion; ORDERED, That this house will on to-morrow morning take into consideration the cases of the several absent members, together with that of Mr. William Ennalls.

ORDERED, That the clerk prepare and lay before the house to-morrow morning, a list of the members who are absent without leave.

On reading a letter from the chairman of the committee of Washington county, On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the distilling of grain. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. J. Sprigg, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Chaille, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That the appointment of commissioners to meet at York-Town in Pennsylvania on the third Monday of this instant, for the purpose mentioned in the resolution of congress of the fifteenth of February last, be referred to the council of safety? Carried in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the several depositions against Mr. Charles Ridgely, transmitted here by the council of safety, be thrown out of the house, being taken *ex parte*, they having already laid a foundation to enquire into his conduct? Carried in the negative.

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

Messieurs Ewing, Wright, J. Bond, T. Bond.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Read,	Galloway,	R. Bond,	S. Chase.	Chaille,	Smith,
	Jordan,	Turner,	Veazy,	Brice,	Mitchell,	J. T. Chase,
	Ford,	Henry,	Gilpin,	Gibson,	Edelen;	J. Sprigg,
	Lethrbury,	Deye,	Craufurd,	Kent,	Archer,	Schnebely,
	Tillard,	Stevenson,	O. Sprigg,	Bruff,	Smithson,	Crabb.
	Hall,	Shepherd,	Magruder,	Bordley,	Dickinson,	

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the quartering of soldiers. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lethrbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the courts of justice. ORDERED, That Mr. Ewing, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Galloway, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, That Mr. Speaker be requested to inform the committee of observation of Washington county, that this house highly disapprove of their assuming the powers of government, but at the same time, having a due sense of the pernicious practice complained of, will take the matter into consideration? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put, and carried in the negative.

On motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. Speaker be requested to inform Mr. James Clarke, chairman of the late committee of observation for Washington county, that this house highly disapprove of any body of men assuming the powers of government, but at the same time, having a due sense of the pernicious practice complained of, will take the matter into consideration.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Williams and Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, March 14, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the cases of the several absent members being read, the house took the same into consideration, and the clerk having laid before the house a list of the absent members, the following orders were made.

William Ennalls, Esq; elected a delegate for Dorchester county, having neglected to attend this house tho' required, and having, to a written order from this house by a special messenger, again requesting his immediate attendance, given a receipt for the letter, without assigning any excuse for the neglect of his duty, ORDERED, That the said William Ennalls immediately attend this house in the custody of William Goldsmith, appointed messenger to this house.

Mr.