

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs  
Read,  
Jordan,  
Ford,  
Lethbury,  
Perkins,

Maxwell,  
Hammond,  
Hall,  
Galloway,  
Turner,

Deye,  
Ridgely,  
Stevenson,  
Shepherd,  
R. Bond,

Veazy,  
Gilpin,  
O. Sprigg,  
Magruder,  
S. Chase,

Chaille,  
Mitchell,  
Edelen,  
Sheredine,

J. Bond,  
Dickinson,  
J. Sprigg,  
Schnebely.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the memorial of William Goddard be referred to the committee of grievances, to ascertain the truth of the facts therein contained.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Sheredine and Mr. Ford have leave of absence till Thursday next. Mr. Bowie has leave of absence till Wednesday next.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent desertion, was read a second time and will pass.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. S. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lethbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide carriages for the army, and to ascertain the hire thereof, and the pay for crossing ferries, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from brigadier-general William Smallwood of the third instant, enclosing several depositions relative to the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, was laid before the house and read. **ORDERED**, That the said letter and depositions be referred to the council of safety, and that they take such order therein as they think necessary.

Mr. Craufurd has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

## S A T U R D A Y, March 8, 1777.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ford, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Sheredine. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bordley appeared in the house.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That it is the opinion of this house, that the council of safety be directed to issue commissions agreeable to the arrangement of military officers settled by the general assembly, in such manner as to leave the rank open to future consideration.

**ORDERED**, That a message be prepared to the senate requesting their concurrence with the above resolution.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 8, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE are exceedingly desirous to forward the march of our quota of troops, or such of them as are ready, to the camp in the Jerseys, and have therefore come to the resolution herewith transmitted.

Should your honours concur, the council of safety may be requested to issue commissions immediately.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Kent have leave of absence for a few days.

The bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, read a second time and will pass.

Mr. S. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till Monday 12 o'clock.

## M O N D A Y, March 10, 1777.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Perkins, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Williams, who had leave of absence, and Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Smithson, and Mr. Smith, who had not leave of absence. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. John Archer, a delegate returned for Harford county, and Mr. Nicholas Thomas, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared in the house, and after hav<sup>ing</sup> in