

T U E S D A Y, March 18, 1777.

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

The two messages agreed to on Thursday the sixth instant, were sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Dickinson.

The bill, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service, sent to the senate by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Chaille. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county, sent to the senate by Mr. Galloway and Mr. Wright. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent desertion, sent to the senate by Mr. Ford and Mr. Kent. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

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, sent to the senate by Mr. S. Chase and Mr. Veazy. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

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

By the S E N A T E, March 18, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are of opinion with you, that in compliance with the recommendation from congress, commissioners be appointed for the purposes mentioned in your message; we concur in your proposition to nominate five, with power to any three or more of them to act, and shall immediately proceed to ballot for them.

We have appointed William Paca and Turbutt Wright, Esqrs. to examine the ballot boxes.
By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

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

By the S E N A T E, March 18, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in opinion, that the persons mentioned in your message of the sixth of March, this day delivered by Messieurs Hall and Dickinson, are entitled to the benefit of the proclamation, and ought to be discharged from custody, that they may have their election to take that benefit or not; and agree that the council of safety have orders to discharge them, and all others arrested under similar circumstances.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

In progression on a second reading the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, the question was put, That it is the opinion of this house, that a committee of observation be chosen by the people of this state in each county, and that their number and duration be limited? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Ford,	Deye,	R. Bond,	Gibson,	Mitchell,	Smithson,
	Lethbury,	Ridgely,	Veazy,	Kent,	J. Bond,	Schnebely,
	Hammond,	Stevenson,	Bowie,	Wright,	T. Bond,	Williams,
	Hall,	Shepherd,	Magruder,	Chaille,	Archer,	Crabb.
	Somervill,					

N E G A T I V E.

Mess.	Read,	Henry,	O. Sprigg,	Bruff,	Downes,	Smith,
	Galloway,	Ewing,	S. Chase,	Bordley,	Dickinson,	J. Sprigg.
	Turner,	Craufurd,	Brice,	Edelen,	Mason,	

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Wootton, Mr. Benson, and Mr. Sheredine, appeared in the house.

On motion, RESOLVED, That no person shall be ballotted for to any office or appointment, unless he be named to the house before balloting, and no ballots shall be counted for any person not named to the house as aforesaid.

The resolutions of Friday evening last were sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Gibson.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Brice and Mr. Bruff.

By