

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 18, 1777.

May it please your honours,
THIS house have proceeded to ballot for commissioners to meet at York-Town, and have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Craufurd, in conjunction with William Paca and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, to examine the ballot boxes.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho, del.

Mr. Hall, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Craufurd, retired, and after some time the gentlemen return and report, that they, in conjunction with William Paca and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, from the senate, had examined the ballot boxes, and that a majority appeared in favour of Norman Bruce, John Bracco, Henry Griffith, Joseph Sim, and Thomas Smyth, Esquires. RESOLVED therefore, That the said Norman Bruce, John Bracco, Henry Griffith, Joseph Sim, and Thomas Smyth, Esquires, or any three or more of them, be commissioners from this state to meet at York-Town in Pennsylvania, for the purposes mentioned in the resolution of congress of the fifteenth of February last.

ORDERED, That the speaker be requested to write a letter to the several commissioners appointed, informing them of their appointment, and requesting their immediate attendance at the place appointed.

Mr. Crabb has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, March 19, 1777.

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

The report of the committee on the memorial of Mr. William Goddard, read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Jacob Myers, of Frederick county, setting forth, that the sum of three hundred pounds had been advanced to him out of the public treasury, for the purpose of establishing and carrying on a wire manufactory: that the said manufactory could not be effectually carried on without six hands well acquainted with the business: and therefore praying an exemption from military duty for himself and six hands—was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Turner has leave of absence for ten days. Mr. Shepherd has leave of absence for four days. Mr. J. T. Chase appeared in the house.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, and in progression on reading the same the question was put, Whether the house agree to the following resolve or not, viz: RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that mere information or suspicion, without oath or affirmation, (where an affirmation is admitted by the constitution) shall not be sufficient to arrest any person that may be accused of any breach of said act? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs	Read,	Henry,	Ewing,	Kent,	Sheredine,	Smith,
	Ford,	Deye,	Bowie,	Bruff,	J. Bond,	J. T. Chase,
	Lethbury,	Ridgely,	Craufurd,	Wright,	T. Bond,	Schnebely,
	Hammond,	Stevenson,	O. Sprigg,	Bordley,	Archer,	Williams,
	Hall,	Shepherd,	Magruder,	Chaille,	Smithson,	Wootton,
	Somervill,	R. Bond,	Brice,	Mitchell,	Downes,	Crabb.
	Turner,	Veazy,	Gibson,	Edelen,	Dickinson,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Galloway, Benson, J. Sprigg, S. Chase.

In progression on the said bill, the question was put, That the oath or affirmation therein prescribed to be taken be expunged, and that the oath or affirmation of fidelity and allegiance prescribed by the form of government be therein inserted? Carried in the negative.

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