

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, March 19, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have considered your resolve of the fourteenth of March, received yesterday by Messrs. Wootton and Gibson, and from the necessity of the case, shall agree to the oath of the governor and of the council, with the several amendments proposed below, and concur in the mode of the governor's qualification.

As to the other parts of the resolve, it not being immediately necessary to form the oath proper to be taken by the chancellor, judges, justices, and other officers, and the commissions for the judges, we are of opinion that it may be done with more propriety hereafter, by bill, in which the oaths, now to be agreed upon, may be included.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Amendments proposed to the oaths of the governor and council. In the fourth line of the second page, between the words "will" and "protect," insert the following, "constantly endeavour to," and strike out the words "and will constantly endeavour to" in the sixth line of the same page.

In the sixth line of the third page strike out the words "keep secret such," and instead thereof insert the following, "not divulge or make known any," and in the seventh line of the same page strike out the words "as the board shall direct to be concealed," and instead thereof insert the following, "which shall be directed by them to be kept secret."

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read with the amendments and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 18, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

"By the senate, March 19, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for ingrossing.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Tillard and Mr. Douglass appeared in the house.

On motion, that the following question, to wit, Richard Parran, Esq; a delegate for Calvert county, (who departed the house without leave, and who was ordered to attend in custody of a messenger, which order he refused to obey) now appearing, RESOLVED, That the said Mr. Parran be committed to the custody of the serjeant at arms attending this house, be now put? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the said question be now put? Resolved in affirmative.

The question was then put, That Mr. Parran be committed to the serjeant at arms attending this house? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Speaker informs the serjeant at arms that he is to take Mr. Parran into custody.

In progression on reading the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, the question was put, That the voters for delegates, and the electors of the senate, take the oath of fidelity by the said act prescribed? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs	Read,	Galloway,	Magruder,	Bruff,	Smithson,	J. T. Chase,
	Ford,	Veazy,	S. Chase,	Bordley,	Mason,	J. Sprigg,
	Lethrbury,	Ewing,	Brice,	Chaille,	Dickinson,	Schnebely,
	Tillard,	Bowie,	Gibson,	Edelen,	O. Sprigg,	Williams,
	Hammond,	Craufurd,	Benson,	Sheredine,	Smith,	Wootton.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Hall,	Ridgely,	Kent,	Mitchell,	T. Bond,	Downes,
	Henry,	Stevenson,	Wright,	J. Bond,	Archer,	Douglass.
	Deye,	R. Bond,				

Mr. Galloway from the committee appointed to take the deposition of Charles Jacob, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said deposition, which was ordered to lie on the table.

The house having gone through the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, and made several amendments thereto, the same was re-committed, that the amendments may be taken in.

The message of this day from the senate by William Paca, Esquire, was read a second time with the amendments, and the several amendments proposed agreed to.

ORDERED