

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith.  
The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Smith and Mr. Douglass.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house agree to the several amendments proposed by your honours to the oath to be taken by the governor and the members of the council, and will prepare a bill directing the oaths of office to be taken by, and the form of commissions to be granted to, the judges and justices, and other officers of this government.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

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

T H U R S D A Y, March 20, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall, Mr. Turner, Mr. Shepherd, and Mr. Crabb. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Perkins and Mr. Maxwell appeared in the house.

The house being informed that the messenger sent for Mr. William Ennalls was attending with him in custody, ORDERED, That Mr. Ennalls be committed to the custody of the sergeant at arms attending this house.

George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the senate request his attendance, with the members of the house of delegates, in the senate-room, to see the governor qualified. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, accordingly went to the senate-room, and saw his excellency qualify in presence of both houses, by subscribing the declaration, and taking the oaths required by the constitution, and the oath of office directed to be taken by the general assembly. Mr. Speaker (with the rest of the members) returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. J. Bond from the committee appointed to consider of the truth of the facts contained in the memorial of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the truth of the facts contained in the memorial of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county.

YOUR committee appointed to consider the truth of the facts in said memorial, have considered the same, and do believe the same to be true as therein stated, and are of opinion, that many people, inhabitants of Harford county, have not paid their quota of the public levy for building the court-house and prison in said county, and think it unjust that the memorialist should pay interest for what he did not receive, and that time should be allowed to complete said collection this present year.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order of the com.

JOHN JOHNSON, cl.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, RESOLVED, That this house will re-consider the appointment and rank of the military officers of this state. ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Ridgely.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 20, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house find themselves involved in great difficulties, as to the appointment and rank of officers to command the quota of troops to be found by this state ; the late resignation of several officers adds to our embarrassment, we would therefore propose to your honours, that a committee of both houses be appointed to re-consider the subject.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the SENATE, March 20, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur in your message by Messieurs Perkins and Ridgely, and have appointed George Plater and Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquires, to join such of your members as you may think proper to appoint for the purpose mentioned therein.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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