

ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lethsbury, be conferees from this house for the purposes mentioned in said message.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Williams.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 24, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house, strongly impressed with the necessity of procuring an immediate supply of blankets for our troops, and desirous to obtain your concurrence to their bill, have agreed to the proposed conference on the appointment of collectors and their powers, and have appointed Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Lethsbury, to meet such gentlemen as you may please to name for that purpose.

By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to direct in what manner all fines, forfeitures, and penalties, shall be recovered, and in what manner fines, forfeitures, penalties, and amercements, shall be applied. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, M. J. T. Chase, and Mr. Wright, do prepare and bring in the same.

Robert Goldborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from the Roman catholics in Saint Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 24, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, "By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, March 24, 1777.

Gentlemen,

IN consequence of your message by Messieurs Read and Archer, we have nominated Matthew Tilghman and Samuel Wilson, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named by your house for the purpose therein mentioned.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Samuel Wilson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, March 24, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have nominated Robert Goldborough and William Paca, Esquires, to confer with the members appointed by your house, on the subject mentioned in your message by Messieurs Stevenson and Williams.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill concerning marriages. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Wright, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Lethsbury, Mr. J. T. Chase, and Mr. Bruff, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Galloway has leave of absence for ten days.

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

T U E S D A Y, March 25, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Galloway. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. William Allein, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in the presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, he took his seat. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

Mr. O. Sprigg brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the distilling of grain; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house proceeded to ballot for a committee to prepare and bring in the bill to assess an equal tax on all property within this state; and Mr. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Smith, Mr. Vazey, Mr. Bruff, and Mr. J. T. Chase, were elected a committee for that purpose.

The memorial of the Roman catholics of Saint Mary's, Charles, and Prince-George's counties, praying that an act may pass to confirm to them such lands, goods, and chattels, as their church or its ministers were in possession of, at the time of passing the declaration of rights, in the same manner with those of the church of England—And a petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, for an act of assembly for opening a public road from a certain ferry on Patowmack river, to Frederick-Town, and for appointing commissioners to lay out the same—were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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