

eastern shore, the sixth; the river Choptank, including all the waters to the river Chester on the eastern shore, the seventh; the river Chester, including all the waters above it to the river Susquehanna, the eighth district.

Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Maddox and Mr. Allein.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That this house will on to-morrow take into consideration the appointment of a surgeon general to the quota of troops raised by this state, and the appointment of one surgeon and two surgeon's mates to each battalion from this state, and the pay that this state will engage to such officers.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to ascertain the jurisdiction of the general court on the eastern shore, and to fix the time and place for holding the same. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Maddox, Mr. Hall, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Lethbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the prosecution of ordinary keepers, hawkers, pedlers, and petty chapmen, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Also a bill, entitled, An act to direct in what manner all fines, forfeitures, and penalties, shall be recovered, and in what manner fines, forfeiture, penalties, and amerciaments, shall be applied. Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial of H. Hollingsworth, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 28, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates. By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. ser."

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider and report in what manner the judges of the court of appeals shall be constituted, and thereupon came to the following resolutions:

That the court of appeals consist of five judges, with power to any three or more of them to hear and determine all appeals and writs of error from the inferior courts within this state. That the said court be constituted in the following manner: That three of the said judges be by the joint ballot of both houses; that in all cases of appeal from the judgment of the general court, the chancellor and judge of the court of admiralty associate with and join the three judges appointed by ballot; that in all cases of appeal from the judgment of the court of admiralty, the chancellor and the chief justice of the general court associate with and join the said three judges; and that in all cases of appeal from the decree of the chancellor, the chief justice of the general court and the judge of the court of admiralty associate with and join the said three judges; and whenever the chief justice shall be absent from the state, or so indisposed that he cannot attend, the next judge in commission of the general court shall associate with and join the said three judges. That any one of the said judges have power to call and adjourn the said court.

Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Crabb and Mr. Polk.

The house took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider of the memorials of the officers of the artillery companies of this state, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That the officers and privates of said company be entitled to and shall receive the same pay, and be subject to the same articles of war, as the continental marching regiments, from the commencement of their next month's pay.

**RESOLVED**, That John Fulford, Esq; be and is hereby appointed major of artillery.

Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Hammond for their concurrence.

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

### S A T U R D A Y, March 29, 1777.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Ennalls, Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Craufurd, and Mr. Smithson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The report on the memorial of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, was read a second time and concurred with.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the public buildings in Harford county. **ORDERED**, That Mr. J. Bond, Mr. Archer, and Mr. T. Bond, do prepare and bring in the same.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the appointment of surgeons being read, **RESOLVED**, That a surgeon general be appointed to the quota of troops to be raised by this state.

On motion, the question was put, That the pay of the surgeon general be twenty-seven shillings and six-pence per day? Carried in the negative.

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

Read,  
Tillard,

Hammond,  
Deye,

Shepherd,  
Ewing,

Wright,  
T. Bond,

Downes,  
Smith,

Williams,  
Burgess.

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