

That doctor Barton Tabbs be and is hereby appointed surgeon to the seventh regiment.

That the regimental surgeons, with the approbation of the surgeon general, appoint their mates.

That medicines be compounded, and a medicine chest prepared for each regiment, under the care and direction of the surgeon general.

Mr. Bordley has leave of absence. Mr. O. Sprigg has leave of absence for two days. Mr. Bowie till Tuesday next.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to provide carriages for the army, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 24, 1777: "Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, March 29, 1777: Read the second time and not will pass.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to expedite the march of troops in and thro' this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, "March 29, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

A memorial from John Campbell of the city of Annapolis, setting forth, That some time in May last he rented his house to the public, to be made use of as an hospital for the soldiery then in Town, and that it was made use of as such till very lately, when by the neglect or carelessness of the people therein, the said house, and kitchen and stable thereto adjoining, caught fire and were burnt to the ground, and therefore praying the general assembly to grant him such relief for the damages he sustained, as shall seem equitable and reasonable—was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers, was read a second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Bordley. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Charles Grahame, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, March 29, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE agree with your resolve for constituting a court of appeals, so far as it relates to the proposed number of five judges, to the power to be lodged with any three or more of them to hear and determine all appeals and writs of error from the inferior courts within this state, and to the power given to any one of those judges of calling and adjourning the said court, but we cannot agree with that part of the resolve directing that the chancellor, chief justice of the general court, or judge of admiralty, shall be occasionally associated with the three judges proposed to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses, because we conceive it to be a matter of the highest importance to keep the court of the last resort totally distinct from all inferior jurisdictions; which distinction, we apprehend, could not be so entirely preserved, were the chancellor, or one of the judges of the general court, or the judge of the court of admiralty, to be admitted judges in the court of appeals; many appeals may come from the general court through the court of chancery into the court of appeals, and in such cases either a judge of the general court, or the chancellor, might sit and determine in the last resort, a cause in which one of them had already passed judgment; the frequent and occasional charges too of judges, besides interrupting the sittings of the inferior courts, may also prevent the uniformity of decision in cases governed by the same principle, and those settled rules of practice so necessary to be observed in the court of appeals; we therefore propose, that five persons be appointed judges of the court of appeals by the joint ballot of both houses.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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

A memorial from John Odel Hart, was read and referred to the governor and the council, with full power to take such order therein as they think proper. Sent to the senate by Mr. Crabb and Mr. Burges.

Mr. S. Chase and Mr. J. T. Chase have leave of absence till Wednesday next.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, March 31, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Bowie, Mr. O. Sprigg, Mr. Bordley, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. J. T. Chase, and Mr. Tillard. The proceedings