

ings of Saturday were read. Mr. Smith Bishop, a delegate returned for Worcester 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.

The bill, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state, was read a second time and will pass. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Bishop. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning marriages, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bills No. 1, 2, and 3, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Parran.

On reading a second time the message from the senate relative to the court of appeals, ORDERED, That a message be prepared in answer thereto.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Ewing.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 31, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken your message of the 29th instant by Mr. Grahame into consideration, and have concurred therewith in every particular, except that part which proposes the five judges of the court of appeals to be appointed by the joint ballot of both houses; we apprehend your honours have not adverted to the form of government, which empowers this house to send up a list of all officers in the nomination of the governor and council to your honours for your approbation; after such list sent up, should we disagree in opinion, a joint ballot will then be necessary.

Our list of officers, judges and magistrates, is nearly compleated, and we intend sending it up with all possible dispatch, after we have an answer to our message ascertaining the number of naval officers and their districts. Permit us to remind your honours that we have set many weeks, and the civil officers, judges and justices, are not yet agreed upon. We are of opinion many evils may attend too long delay, and therefore request an answer to our message concerning naval officers as soon as you can with conveniency.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Turner appeared in the house.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the prosecution of ordinary keepers, hawkers, pedlers, and petty chapmen, and for other purposes therein mentioned, read a second time and will not pass.

The memorial of Francis Baker, was read a second time and rejected.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, entitled, An act for laying the levy in Anne-Arundel county; also the paper bill, entitled, An act to prevent desertion; and the paper bill, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service; severally endorsed; "By the senate, March 31, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker an address from the regular officers, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 31, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Turbutt Wright, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, March 31, 1777.

Gentlemen,

HAVING taken time to consider the propositions contained in your message of the 28th by Messieurs Maddox and Allein, which we shall take the liberty of doing upon all subjects offered for our consideration, we concur therewith.

We see the importance of filling all the civil offices of government, and wish that business may be done as soon as you have agreed upon the different offices to be proposed to this house.

If we have erred in the proposition made to you in the conclusion of our message of the 29th by Charles Grahame, Esq; our error arose from having copied expressions made use of in your message by Messieurs Crabb and Polk, and not from a desire to encroach in any degree upon the privileges of your house.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

Mr. Henry from the committee appointed to examine the referred business, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Robert Golsborough and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor requires the attendance of the members of the house of delegates