

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of this day sent up by Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Bruff, severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 8, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Mr. Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines and forfeited recognizances, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the estate, quitrents, and land-office of the late lord proprietary. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Wright, Mr. Brice, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Lethbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Smith and Mr. Craufurd appeared in the house.

The house taking into consideration the letter and resolution of congress of the seventeenth day of February last, RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to give orders, that all stock (horses, hogs, working oxen, and milch cows necessary for the use of the inhabitants, only excepted) be immediately removed from the islands of this state, into the interior parts of their respective counties, in which they now are, so that there may be no danger of its falling into the enemies hands; and to appoint proper persons to take care of such stock, and to rent proper places for their reception, and to cause the same to be appraised by indifferent persons; and this state will make satisfaction to the owners for the loss sustained by such removal.

RESOLVED, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be empowered to appoint proper and discreet persons in each of the counties of this state, lying on the shores of Chesapeake bay, the Sound, and the mouths of rivers, who shall have power, on the approach of the enemy, and a reasonable belief of their intention to land, to cause all stock, with the same exception, to be immediately removed from the shores of Chesapeake bay, the Sound, and the mouths of rivers, in the manner aforesaid, and such persons shall hire places for their reception, and appoint proper persons to appraise and take care of such stock; and this state will make satisfaction to the owners for the loss sustained by such removal.

Mr. T. Bond appeared in the house.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 9, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Smoot, a delegate returned for Dorchester 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 resolves of yesterday, relative to the removal of stock, were sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Smoot.

The bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines and forfeited recognizances, read a second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Downes. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly, passed at November session 1766. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. J. T. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of yesterday, relative to the removal of the stock, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 9, 1777: "Read and assented to with the following amendments, viz. After the word "state" in the 9th

"line of the first page, insert the words "below Hooper's Streights."

"Strike out the words "have power" in the third line of the second page, and insert the following words, "upon advice and direction from the governor and council or."

"In the 5th line of the 2d page, strike out the word "to" next preceding the word "cause."

"Between the words "from" and "the" in the 6th line of the same page, insert the following,

"ing, "all the islands above Hooper's Streights and from."

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Which amendments were read and unanimously rejected.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, thus endorsed;

"By the senate, March 26, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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