

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of this house on the memorials of the officers of the artillery companies, and the resolves sent up this day by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Mason, severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 14, 1777: Read and concurred with. By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Mr. S. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases, which was read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bruff and Mr. Bishop. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Galloway brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the bills of credit emitted by an act of assembly passed at November session, 1766, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent the distilling of grain, referred till next session of assembly.

On motion, That the bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate, quitrents, and land-office, of the late lord proprietary, be read, the question was put, That the said bill be referred till the next session of assembly? Carried in the negative.

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

Messrs. Jackson, Ennalls, Henry, Smoot, Chaille.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Read,	Galloway,	Veazy,	Banning,	Sheredine,	Dickinson,
	Jordan,	Allein,	Ewing,	Kent,	T. Bond,	Smith,
	Lethrbury,	Maddox,	Craufurd,	Bruff,	Archer,	J. T. Chase,
	Maxwell,	Polk,	Magruder,	Wright,	Smithson,	Williams,
	Tillard,	Deye,	S. Chase,	Bordley,	Downes,	Wootton,
	Hammond,	Stevenson,	Brice,	Bishop,	Mason,	Burgefs.
	Hall,	R. Bond,	Benson,	Edelen,		

On motion, ORDERED, That this house will on to-morrow morning take into consideration the bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning.

T U E S D A Y, April 15, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Douglass and Mr. Crabb appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That the journal of accounts be closed on Friday next.

Agreeable to the order of the day the house took into consideration the bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state, and on motion, the question was put, That the words "family provisions" be struck out of the exception contained in the first section thereof? Carried in the negative.

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Messrs	Lethrbury,	Galloway,	Craufurd,	Banning,	Wright,	Douglass,
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	Tillard,	Maddox,	S. Chase,	Bruff,	Archer,	J. T. Chase.
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	Jordan,	Polk,	Stevenson,	Edelen,	T. Bond,	Williams,
	Maxwell,	Ennalls,	Shepherd,	Chaille,	Smithson,	Wootton,
	Hammond,	Henry,	R. Bond,	Bishop,	Downes,	Crabb,
	Turner,	Smoot,	Ewing,	Sheredine,	Mason,	Burgefs.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from John Contee, Esq; who had been appointed a member of the council, and a request from the council, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 15, 1777: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Which said letter and request were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

In progression on the bill to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state, on motion, the question was put, That the following clause; "And to perpetuate the said commissioners, Be it enacted, That five persons, qualified to be elected delegates to assembly, shall be annually chosen by ballot, in the same manner the sheriffs are chosen, by the people of this state in each county, at the time of electing the delegates to assembly, every person having a vote