

for consulting with the governor and council on the most effectual measures for the security and protection of this state.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which was read.

The house having gone thro' the bill, entitled, An act relating to an assessment of property in this state, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Galloway and Mr. Dickinson. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The engrossed bill No. 20, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Bruff.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 16, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 19, 1777: Read a second time and will pass.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

And the bill, entitled, An act relating to the assessment of property in this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 19, 1777: Read a first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Which were severally read here and passed for engrossing.

The engrossed bill No. 21, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Douglafs.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the instructions to the delegates to congress, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 19, 1777: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

On motion, RESOLVED, That when this house shall adjourn, that they will adjourn to Monday the second day of June next

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to acquaint the senate of the time to which this house propose to adjourn.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Archer.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 19, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have resolved to adjourn to Monday the second day of June next, and hope that time will be agreeable to your honours.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

On motion, RESOLVED, That each of the delegates to congress be allowed at the rate of twelve pounds ten shillings currency per week, for the time he shall be at, or travelling to or from, congress, in full satisfaction of his expences. Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Perkins and Mr. Bowie.

The engrossed bill No. 22, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Wootton and Mr. Bordley.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the enlargement of the powers of the governor and council, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve ascertaining the allowance to the delegates to congress, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 19, 1777: Read and concurred with.

By order,

R. POTTS cl. sen."

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

By the SENATE, April 19, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state is requested to apply to congress for one of the battalions to be raised in this state, to be stationed at such places on the eastern shore as the governor and council shall direct.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which was read and assented to. Communicated to the governor by Mr. Burgess.

The engrossed bill No. 19, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Polk.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the justices of the several county courts of this state, or any three or more of them, may meet at the place of holding their respective county courts on the third Tuesday in May next, and may then and there elect and qualify the clerk of their court, and nominate constables and overseers of the road for their counties; but this resolve is not to extend to prevent any court, whose proceedings have been aided by acts of this session, from appointing their clerk or constable at their meeting in virtue of such acts. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wright and Mr. Smoot for their concurrence.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY,