

Mr. Smith brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, and the following report :

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

IN obedience to the order of the honourable house, your committee have examined the account of the late treasurer of the eastern shore, and compared the payments by him made with the vouchers, and find a balance due this state of nine pounds five shillings currency; that by the said accounts, he has received only twelve thousand two hundred and fifty pounds of his proportion of the last emission, out of which, the sum of nine thousand six hundred and five pounds nine shillings and seven-pence halfpenny appears to be paid into the hands of James Hindman, Esq; appointed treasurer by the governor and the council; and beg leave to observe, that one article of his charge, to the amount of three hundred and sixteen pounds seven shillings and five-pence halfpenny, is for so much paid for blankets for the use of the continental army.

Your committee have, during this session, counted and burnt bills of credit emitted by the resolution of convention in July seventeen hundred and seventy-five, which have been exchanged by said late treasurer for bills of credit emitted since that time, to the amount of eight hundred and eight pounds two shillings and six-pence. Your committee have received accounts of a number of claimants as jurymen in the provincial court, which came too late to be entered on the journal for the same to be closed this day.

Your committee herewith lay before the house the journal of accounts, together with the account settled with the said late treasurer, all which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order,

EDWARD FOX, cl. com.

Which were read, and the journal of accounts assented to.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 28, 1777.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by Joseph Nicholson, Esq; we are obliged to say, that we are very desirous of giving your honours all the time you could reasonably expect to consider the militia bill, or any other business that may lie on your table; we hoped the approach of harvest would have hastened you a little, more especially as the militia bill is a subject on which we expected no great diversity of sentiment between the two houses, and it was generally understood that the assembly intended to rise this evening, or early to-morrow.

We are surprized that your honours, after passing the supplement to the acts for assessment of property, should "see nothing to render a meeting necessary before the time fixed by our form of government." The impropriety of your proposed adjournment to the first Monday in November, can only have escaped your honours from your intense application to the public business.

The assessment of property ought to be finished so that some collection may be made as early as possible, and we apprehend that if the assembly do not meet till November, any general rules they may lay down for equality of assessment, cannot be executed, nor can the law be carried into effect, and payment enforced in November, as it ought to be by the supplementary bill passed this session.

We hope, therefore, on re-considering the subject, an earlier time will be thought more proper than the month of November next.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read a first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read,	Hall,	Smoot,	Craufurd,	Edelen,	Smith,
	Jordan,	Somervill,	Stevenson,	O. Sprigg,	P. Thomas,	Beall,
	W. Thomas,	Harrison,	Shepherd,	Brice,	J. Bond,	J. Sprigg,
	Lethrbury,	Turner,	R. Bond,	Banning,	T. Bond,	Hughes,
	Perkins,	Polk,	Veazy,	Kent,	Smithson,	Wootton,
	Maxwell,	Ennalls,	Ewing,	Bruff,	Downes,	Crabb.
Hammond,	Henry,	Bowie,	Chaille,			

N E G A T I V E.

Mess.	Galloway,	Allein,	Ridgely,	Archer,	Williams,	Burgefs.
	Fitzhugh,	Déye,	Sheredine,			

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of this day sent up by Mr. P. Thomas and Mr. Perkins, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 28, 1777: Read and concurred with.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts. ORDERED, That Mr. Turner, Mr. Sheredine, and Mr. Wootton, do prepare and bring in the same.