

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1777. 35

By the SENATE, December 8, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE think it proper that the absent gentlemen, chosen delegates to congress, should be informed, by a joint letter from the president and the speaker, of their appointment, and requested to signify to the general assembly, whether they will act as delegates, that, in case they should decline the appointment, others may be chosen in their stead before the end of this session.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

There not being a sufficient number of members for the transacting business, the members present adjourned till next day, nine o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, December 9, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Plowden, Mr. Tillard, Mr. West, and Mr. Burgess, appeared in the house. Mr. Veazey has leave of absence.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the qualification of jurors. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Lethbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

The house taking into consideration the non-attendance of the members on yesterday, who departed the house without leave, ORDERED, That Mr. Plowden and Mr. Tillard be fined one day's allowance each. Mr. West and Mr. Burgess are excused upon the peculiar circumstances of their case. Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

A petition from Daniel Melfon, who was concerned in the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties, was presented to the house and read, praying to be discharged from confinement, on giving security for his appearance for trial, when called on.

The message of yesterday, by Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; was read and assented to, so endorsed and sent to the senate by Mr. L. Wilson and Mr. Chew.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property, and the question being put, That healthy male negroes, who are not tradesmen, shall not be valued at more than seventy-five pounds common money? Passed in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Ford,	Hammond,	Semmes,	Deye,	Brice,	Bond,
	Read,	Worthington,	Forbes,	Stevenson,	Benfon,	Smithson,
	Plowden,	Tillard,	Maddux,	Ward,	Earle,	Douglafs,
	Lethbury,	Fitzhugh,	Strawbridge,	Alexander,	Wright,	Burgess,
	Maxwell,	Somervill,	Winder,	West,	Edelen,	Williams,
	Gresham,	Chew,	L. Wilson,	Magruder,	Young,	Crabb.
	J. Hall,	Turner,	Henry,	Contee,		

## N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Smoot, Quynn, Kent, A. Hall, Smith, Chase, Sprigg.

In progression on the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause, "And be it enacted, That all tobaccos in the several warehouses, at the time of assessment, shall be valued by the several assessors in whose hundreds such warehouses shall respectively be, and the rate of assessment shall be notified to the several inspectors, who are hereby authorized and required to receive such assessment before the tobaccos be delivered out, except only in case of tobaccos purchased for the use of this state, the United States, or any of them, or where it shall appear, by the oath or affirmation of the party, or the testimony of some indifferent witness, that the same tobaccos have been already assessed; and in case any inspector or inspectors shall deliver out such tobaccos after notice of such assessment, without receiving the money due for the assessment aforesaid, he shall be liable to pay double the value of such assessment, to be recovered before a single magistrate on complaint made of such neglect, and the magistrate shall render account of and pay the money so recovered to the sheriff of his county, for the use of the public," be struck out? Carried in the negative.

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Messieurs Turner, Forbes, Maddux, Kent.

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