

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 37

The engrossed bill, No. 11, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Deye and Mr. Chew.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, No. 14, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1777: the engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And the petitions of Hugh Dean and Hamilton Callilo, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1777: Read, and the resolution of the house of delegates thereon assented to."

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

The said petitions were sent to the governor and the council by Mr. Douglass.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the county courts to issue subpoenas for witnesses residing in other counties, &c. read a second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Alexander.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to take such of the sails and rigging belonging to the ship Defence as may be spared from said ship and are necessary for fitting out the galleys heretofore directed to be built for the protection of our bay and harbours; and also such of her guns and military stores as may be useful and necessary for the said galleys. That they be authorized and empowered to appoint a commodore or commander-in-chief for said galleys, who shall have the care and superintendance over the whole, and who shall from time to time apply to the governor and the council for their directions. That the governor and the council be requested to cause the ship Defence, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, not necessary for the purpose above mentioned, to be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, for the benefit of the state, the money arising from such sale to be paid to the treasurer of the western shore, subject to the orders of the general assembly, or the governor and the council. That such of the officers belonging to the said ship, who are desirous to continue in the service of the state, shall be retained by the governor and the council at their discretion, and shall have command in the galleys or in the artillery company to be raised for the service of the state. That the sailors on board the said ship shall have their election to remain in the galleys on the pay of this state till their time of service be expired, or be discharged. That the marines on board said ship have their election to serve in the galleys, or be enlisted in the artillery company abovementioned. That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to settle and adjust, by arbitration or otherwise, the dispute subsisting between the state and captain William Stone, relative to his claim of the brigantine Friendship, or any other matter depending thereon. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Smoot and Mr. Read.

The engrossed bill, No. 10, read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. West and Mr. Gresham.

ORDERED, That the petition of David Kerr be referred till the next session of assembly.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions of this day sent up by Mr. Smoot and Mr. Read, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Smith.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the resolution of this house of the fourth instant, relative to the salt in the hands of Mr. Wallace, was read and assented to, and the resolve communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Edelen.

The committee, to whom the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property, was committed for amendments, bring in and deliver to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read with the amendments, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Pherson appeared in the house.

The house took into consideration the bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, and, on motion, the question was put, That the following words, "Members of the general assembly, not being militia officers," be struck out of the exemption from militia duty?

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

Messieurs	Ford, Plowden, Hammond, Worthington,	Tillard, Fitzhugh, Somervill, Chew,	Semmes, Forbes, Winder, Smoot,	Henry, Deye, Stevenson, Bowie,	Magruder, Contee, Benson, Kent,	Bond, Douglass, Smith, Crabb.
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Messieurs	Read, Lethbury, Maxwell, Gresham,	J. Hall, Turner, Maddux, Strawbridge,	Ridgely, Ward, Alexander, West,	Brice, Quynn, Earle, Wright,	Edelen, Young, A. Hall, Smithson,	Chafe, Sprigg, Burgess, Williams.
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