

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777

court of this ... to ... of this state, cognizance of the ...
and that all ... comm. as aforesaid ... the subjects of Virginia ...
by any other persons, not subjects of this state, or any subject of Virginia, shall be tried in
the court of the commonwealth of Virginia, which, by the laws thereof, has cognizance of the
offence. And if any person shall fly from justice from either of the said states, such person may
be taken upon the said water by process from the state from which such person shall fly as aforesaid.
That piracies, crimes, and offences, committed as aforesaid by persons not subjects of either
state, against persons not subjects of either state, shall be tried in the court of the state in
which the offenders shall be first seized in order to be brought to justice.

3. You are to endeavour to obtain, that the use and navigation of the rivers Patowmack and
Pocomoke shall be free to the subjects of both states, and to all other persons trading to either
state, and that the said rivers be considered as a common highway, free to all persons navigating
the same; provided nevertheless, that each state shall have a right of imposing tolls, duties, or
customs, on vessels coming into its respective ports on the said rivers, and unloading therein their
cargoes or part thereof.

The jurisdiction to be exercised by each state over the rivers aforesaid, cannot, in the opinion
of this assembly, be put on a better and more equitable footing, than that in which you are in-
structed to settle the jurisdiction over that part of the bay within the limits of the common-
wealth of Virginia.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.
to which were read and assented to, so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Forbes and Mr.

Mr. Pheasant, Mr. Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions of this house on
the report from the committee of the whole, on the articles of confederation, &c. thus endorsed;
"By the senate, December 22, 1777. Read and assented to."

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.
Resolved, That the commissioners of this state, appointed to meet commissioners from the
commonwealth of Virginia, be entitled to the same allowance as delegates to congress. Sent to
the senate for concurrence by Mr. Blowden and Mr. Kent.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the afore-
going resolution, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1777. Read and assented to."
By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

RESOLVED, That Mr. Contee, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Tillard, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Brice, to-
gether with such members of the senate as they may think proper to nominate, or any three or
more of said persons so nominated, be a committee in the recess of assembly to inspect and ex-
amine the accounts and proceedings of the board of auditors, and to see that the same be properly
posted and entered up; also the accounts of the commissary of stores, and to cause the books of
accounts in that department to be fully entered up from the day books; also to inspect and ex-
amine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office. That they call on
the late council of safety for an account of the disposition and loan of all public monies, and on
all persons who have had public money advanced to them by the late conventions, general assem-
bly, council of safety, or by orders of the governor and council, to render an account of the
disposition thereof; and in general, that they, or any three or more of them, have full powers
to enquire into the expenditure of all public monies; and that they have power to send for per-
sons, papers, and records; and that they make report of their proceedings to the next meeting
of the general assembly. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Brice and Mr. Tillard.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing resolution,
thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1777. Read and assented to."
By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

And the following message:
By the SENATE, December 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,
THE senate have appointed Brice T. B. Worthington and Thomas Contee, Esquires, to
join the gentlemen appointed by your house, as a committee for the purposes mentioned in your
message of this day by Messieurs Brice and Tillard.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.
Which was read.
The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Earle and Mr. Wor-
thington:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 22, 1777.

May it please your honours,
JOSEPH NICHOLSON, jun. Esq; having resigned his office of delegate to con-
gress, and this house having received information that William Paca, Esq; is to be appointed