

Your concurrence, will, we expect, answer the demands that may be made on the treasury, before the next meeting of the general assembly. Impressed with this idea, we wish the journal may pass your house, because we have reason to believe some of the public creditors cannot with convenience remain unpaid; those who can wait, will, we apprehend, be well satisfied with having certificates.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to prevent counterfeiting loan-office certificates. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Stevenson. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prevent counterfeiting loan-office certificates, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, No. 23, read and assented to, and sent to senate, with the paper bill thereof by Mr. Maddux and Mr. Winder.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions of this day, sent up by Mr. Plowden and Mr. Turner, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, No. 20, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to,"

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Also the paper bill, No. 22, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And the paper bill No. 23, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Also the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will not pass."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And the following message:

By the SENATE, December 23, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have returned with our negative the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; the low state of the treasury, and the certainty of very great and speedy demands thereon, for effecting the several matters ordered in the course of this session, have induced us to defer the payment of the journal, to a time when the money can be taken from the treasury with less detriment to the public. We are willing to concur with a resolve for paying the clerks and other officers of the two houses, the sums respectively due to them on the journal.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which being read, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to the clerks and other officers of the two houses, or to the order of such clerks and officers, the several sums of money that may appear due to them, or any of them, on the journal of accounts; also to the late sergeant at arms, or his order, the money that may appear due to him on said journal, except for his attendance as a member of the house of delegates. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Earle and Mr. Brice.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing resolution, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

ORDERED, That John Hall, Nicholas Worthington, and John Brice, Esquires, or any two of them, be a committee to revise the journal for the press.

George Plater and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor is attending in the senate ready to sign some laws which have passed this session, and that the senate request the attendance of this house there immediately, to see him