

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778.

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By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,
 WE have gone through the several amendments, proposed by your honours to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, and have agreed to many of them; there are others that we do not agree to, and as we sincerely wish that the passage of so necessary a bill may be brought about speedily, we propose a conference with some members of your house on the subject of those amendments which have been rejected by the house of delegates, and if your honours agree thereto, request you would name conferrees to join such members of this house as may be appointed for that purpose.

By order,
 Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On a second reading the memorial of John Lafavar, containing propositions for raising a troop of horse, ORDERED, That Mr. Edelen, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Young, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Schnebely, Mr. West, and Mr. J. Hall, be a committee to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion thereon.

A petition from the sheriffs of Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Worcester, and Caroline counties, setting forth the hardships they are likely to suffer by the acts for an assessment of property in this state; a letter of resignation from the auditor-general; the letter from Normand Bruce, Esq; one of the commissioners appointed to meet at Fredericksburg in Virginia, on the 15th day of January last; a letter from the reverend John Scott, on the subject of his confinement by order of convention; and a petition from Robert Wood, of Frederick county, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read in the words following:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house, That by the certificate of William Wright, the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, it appears, that William Hemsley was duly elected a delegate for Queen-Anne's county, in the room of Robert Wright, Esq; who resigned. That by the certificate of William Dawson, the sheriff of Talbot county, it appears, that Messrs. Robert Goldsborough and Samuel Chamberlaine were duly elected delegates for Talbot county, in the room of Messrs. Nicholas Thomas and James Benson. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed per order of the com.

ARCH. GOLDER, cl.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, April 9, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE request that you will point out the amendments made by this house, to which you do not agree, and which you propose to make the subject matter of a conference; we shall then most readily agree to confer with you, in order as speedily as possible to bring about the passage of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which being read, ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. West, and Mr. Lethrbury, be a committee to prepare a message in answer thereto.

Mr. Murray, from the committee of grievances, brought in a report on the petition of John Riddle, of Harford county, which was read in the words following:

By the COMMITTEE of GRIEVANCES and COURTS of JUSTICE.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to your honourable house, on the petition of John Riddle, of Harford county, as follows: That the fact set forth by the petitioner, relative to his being committed on the evidence of two negro slaves, is groundless and without foundation. Your committee find, that the petitioner was committed for want of security for his appearance to answer a charge of felony, for which he was tried and acquitted. Your committee further find, that after the trial of the said petitioner, the surety of the peace was craved against him by Aquila Hall, Esq; and the petitioner was ordered by the justices of Harford county court, then judicially sitting, to give security in the sum of two thousand pounds, and for want of such security, he was committed to the gaol of Harford county aforesaid. All which is humbly submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.
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