

The committee of elections and privileges report, That by the certificate of William Merrit, Esq; sheriff of Kent county, it appears, that James Lloyd is duly elected a delegate for said county, in the place and stead of John Cadwalader, Esq; resigned.

A memorial from Robert Davidge, of Anne-Arundel county, was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That he has been prevented, by a long and tedious spell of sickness, from taking the oath of fidelity and support to this state within the time limited by law, and praying to be admitted to take the same.

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

By the S E N A T E, April 16, 1778.

Gentlemen,

W E think a joint committee, to consider the rules and regulations for governing the draughts and other militia of this state, when in service, will be the most expeditious and satisfactory mode of settling that necessary business. Should this be agreeable to you, we request you will appoint members of your house to join such as may be named by this for that purpose.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which being read and assented to, ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Chase, Mr. Thomas, Mr. West, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Earle, Mr. Bruff, and Mr. R. Barnes, be a committee to join such members as may be named by the senate for the purpose mentioned in the foregoing message.

The following message was thereupon sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Semmes :

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, April 16, 1778.

May it please your honours,

W E accede to the proposition contained in your message of this day by Thomas Stone, Esq; and have appointed Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Thomas, Mr. West, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Earle, Mr. Bruff, and Mr. R. Barnes, to join any members of your house that may be named, to consider of rules and regulations for the governing the draughts and other militia of this state, when in actual service.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Mr. Burgess brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Murray and Mr. Lloyd.

The engrossed bills, No. 6, 7, 8, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Winder and Mr. Worthington.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims receive no new claims against the public after to-day, and that the journal of accounts be closed accordingly.

Turbutt Wright, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a message, which was read in the words following :

By the S E N A T E, April 16, 1778.

Gentlemen,

W E have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, Brice Thomas B. Worthington, and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. to join the members nominated by your house for the purpose mentioned in your message by Mr. Deye and Mr. Semmes.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

On a second reading the message from the senate, upon the subject of the amendment to the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, the house adhere to their former resolution, and close with the proposition of the senate contained in the latter part of said message. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Lethrbury, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate acquainting them therewith.

Mr. Lethrbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said message, which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Tillard, and follows in these words :

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, April 16, 1778.

May it please your honours,

W E are not convinced by the reasoning contained in your message of the 15th instant, by William Hindman, Esq; relative to the amendment proposed to the bill for the speedy recovery of public debts. In our opinion, the interest of individuals ought not to be put in competition with that of the public, and, should any inconvenience arise to the debtor himself, it must be attributed to his own neglect in not passing his account in time, and paying the balance, if any found due. The short time from the commencement of suit until the trial court will much lessen the weight of your reasoning : creditors of public debtors will not be kept long in suspense. We have not leisure to go into long reasoning on the subject, and the complaisant manner in which you recede from the amendment, makes it proper to say something more, than that we still adhere to our bill in that particular of its creating a lien on the real estate of debtors from and after the