

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1778: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

RESOLVED, That each judge of the court of appeals be allowed a salary of five hundred pounds currency per annum.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Was sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mason.

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of certain nonjurors therein named. ORDERED, That Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Maccubbin, and Mr. H. Ridgely, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate with respect to the rejection of the resolve concerning the allowance to the members of the general assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Brice, Mr. Keene, Mr. Polk, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Digges, who were appointed to strike the ballot box, return and acquaint Mr. Speaker that a majority of votes appeared in favour of Benjamin Rumsfy, Benjamin Mackall the fourth, Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray, Esquires. Whereupon the said gentlemen were recommended to the senate as judges of the court of appeals.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to amend and declare the criminal laws of this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 12, 1778: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

And the following message:

By the SENATE, December 12, 1778.

Gentlemen,

THE various and complicated points arising from a revision of the criminal law, render it a very interesting and important subject. We are anxious to render our code of penal jurisprudence full, clear, and explicit; the remainder of the session may not afford sufficient time for this purpose, we have therefore returned with a negative your bill to declare and amend the criminal laws of this state, and propose that a committee of both houses meet during the recess of assembly, to undertake this necessary and arduous task. The gentlemen appointed to consider of a proper system, may frame the heads of a bill to be submitted to the consideration of the legislature, and we are willing to concur with you in nominating members for carrying into effect the measure proposed.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which endorsements and message were read.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for amending and declaring the law in the cases therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 12, 1778: Read the second time by especial order, and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Between the last enacting clause and the clause for continuance, insert the following: "And, Whereas the fines, which can by law be imposed upon jurors and witnesses for not attending court when legally summoned thereto, are found inadequate to the purpose: *Be it enacted*, That in all cases when jurors or witnesses shall hereafter be legally summoned to appear at the general court, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear and attend according to such summons, the judges of the general court may fine such delinquent, according to their discretion, not exceeding fifty pounds. And whenever any jurors or witnesses shall be legally summoned to attend the respective county courts, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear and attend,