

attend, as required by the summons, such delinquent may be fined by the justices of the respective county courts any sum not exceeding thirty pounds current money.

And, Whereas by the bill of rights and form of government, the general assembly of this state is directed to be holden in the month of November yearly, and by law the several and respective county courts are directed to be holden in the same month, which is found by experience to be very inconvenient: *Be it therefore enacted*, That the respective county courts on the eastern shore, which by act of assembly are directed to be holden in the months of August and November yearly, be abolished, and that the same be hereafter held in the months of June and October, that is to say: The several and respective county courts on the eastern shore, which were held in the months of August and November, shall hereafter be held in the same weeks in the months of June and October; that the said county courts by law were directed to be held in the months of August and November; and that all acts, proceedings, and other matters whatever, which ought or might have been done or executed at the said August and November courts, by the justices and officers of the said respective courts, shall and may be done and executed at the several and respective county courts to be held in the months of June and October, as aforesaid; and such acts, proceedings, and other matters, so to be had, done, and executed, shall be as good and effectual, to all intents and purposes, as if had, done, or executed, at the said August and November courts before mentioned, and the commissioners of the tax in the several counties shall meet on the same days in August next to hear appeals, as they would and ought to have done had this law not been made, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding."

Which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of this house respecting the salary to the judges of the court of appeals, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1778: Read and assented to.

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

The bill, entitled, a supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, was read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass with the following amendment.

Strike out the word "said" in the 10th line of 3d page, and after the word "infants," in the beginning of the 11th line of the same page, add "herein before mentioned."

So endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Brown and Mr. Mason.

The following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

May it please your honours,

THIS house recommend Benjamin Rumsey, Benjamin Mackall the fourth, Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray, Esquires, to be judges of the court of appeals. If your honours concur in this recommendation, notice thereof may be immediately given to the governor and council. But if your honours should not concur in the recommendation of any or all of them, this house is ready to go into a joint ballot for so many as your honours may disagree to.

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

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Strawbridge.

On motion for leave to bring in a supplementary bill to the act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, and to add fifteen shillings in every hundred pounds on the assessment for the said year, the question was put, and carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs:	Sewell,	H. Ridgely,	Stevenson,	Job,	Bond,	Potter,
	Thomas,	Chew,	Hammond,	Evans,	Norris,	Bayly,
	Mackall,	Harrison,	Veazey,	Bowie,	M'Comas,	Crabb,
	Worthington,	Digges,	Ward,	Magruder,	Mason,	Burgesis.
	Hall,	Deye,				

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs.	Wilmer,	Jackson,	Brice,	Brown,	Stainton,	Hughes,
	Maccubbin,	Strawbridge,	Goldborough,	Bordley,	Chafe,	Cramphin.
	Polk,	Quynn,	Bruff,	Keene,	Sprigg,	

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the SENATE, December 12, 1778.

Gentlemen,

THIS house agree to the appointment of Benjamin Rumsey, Benjamin Mackall 4th, Thomas Jones, Solomon Wright, and James Murray, Esquires, to be judges of the court of appeals, being the gentlemen you have recommended for that purpose.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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