

Mr. Gantt hath leave of absence.

A petition of Ariana Rofs, David Rofs, and Horatio Rofs, was preferred and read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills from No. 4, to No. 20, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1778: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

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

ON MOTION, ORDERED, That the treaties of alliance and commerce be recorded in the journal of this house, in the general court, and in the chancery court.

TREATY of ALLIANCE eventual and defensive, between his Most Christian Majesty Louis the sixteenth, king of France and Navarre, and the thirteen United States of America.

LOUIS, by the grace of God, king of France and Navarre, to all who shall see these presents, greeting.

THE CONGRESS of the THIRTEEN UNITED STATES of North-America, having by their Plenipotentiaries residing at Paris notified their desire to establish with Us and Our STATES a good understanding and perfect correspondence, and having for that purpose proposed to conclude with Us a Treaty of Amity and Commerce: WE having thought it Our duty to give to the said States a sensible proof of Our affection, determining Us to accept their proposals: For these causes and other good considerations Us thereunto moving, We, reposing entire confidence in the abilities and experience, zeal and fidelity for Our service, of Our dear and beloved CONRAD ALEXANDER GERARD, Royal Syndic of the city of Strasbourg, and Secretary of our Council of State, have nominated, appointed and commissioned, and by these presents signed with Our hand, do nominate, appoint and commission him Our Plenipotentiary, giving him power and special command for Us and in Our name to agree upon, conclude and sign with the Plenipotentiaries of the United States, equally furnished in due form with full powers, such Treaty, Convention and Articles of Commerce and Navigation as he shall think proper, willing, that he act with the same authority as We might or could act, if We were personally present, and even as though he had more special command than what is herein contained; promising in good faith and on the word of a King, to agree to, confirm and establish for ever, and to accomplish and execute punctually, all that Our said dear and beloved CONRAD ALEXANDER GERARD shall stipulate and sign, by virtue of the present power, without contravening it in any manner, or suffering it to be contravened for any cause, or under any pretext whatsoever; and also to ratify the same in due form, and cause Our ratification to be delivered and exchanged in the time that shall be agreed on. For such is our pleasure. In Testimony whereof We have hereunto set Our Seal. Done at Versailles, this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and the fourth year of Our reign.

(Signed,)

(L. S.)

(Underneath)

L O U I S.

By the KING.

GRAVIER de VERGENNES.

TREATY of ALLIANCE.

THE MOST CHRISTIAN KING and the UNITED STATES of NORTH-AMERICA, to wit,—New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, having this day concluded a Treaty of Amity and Commerce, for the reciprocal advantage of their subjects and citizens, have thought it necessary to take into consideration the means of strengthening those engagements, and of rendering them useful to the safety and tranquillity of the two parties; particularly in case Great-Britain, in resentment of that connection, and of the good correspondence which is the object of the said Treaty, should break the peace with France, either by direct hostilities or by hindering her commerce and navigation in a manner contrary to the rights of nations and the peace subsisting between the two crowns.—And his Majesty and the said United States having resolved in that case to join their councils and efforts against the enterprizes of their common enemy,

The respective plenipotentiaries empowered to concert the clauses and conditions proper to fulfil the said intentions, have after the most mature deliberation, concluded and determined on the following articles.

A R T I C L E 1.

IF war should break out between France and Great-Britain during the continuance of the present war between the United States and England, His Majesty and the said United States shall