

and that the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates be requested to inform him thereof by letter, and that the general assembly intend to pay due attention to said memorial at their next session.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Was read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Chafe and Mr. Bayly.

Mr. Jackson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, with the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS, December 13, 1778.

YOUR committee beg leave to lay before the honourable house, the journal of accounts, closed this day, amounting in the whole to the sum of eight thousand four hundred and twenty-six pounds three shillings and three-pence current money. Which is submitted to their consideration.

Signed by order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

The act of congress was sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Digges, with the following endorsement: "Referred to the governor and council, who are requested to issue proclamation agreeable to the act of congress, in such manner as they may think proper."

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of this morning by Mr. Chafe and Mr. Bayly, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1778: Read and concurred with.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

On motion, the following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 15, 1778.

RESOLVED, That Messieurs Smith, Hall, Bruff, Maccubbin, and Bordley, together with such members of the senate as they may think proper to nominate, or any three or more of said persons so nominated, be a committee in the recess of assembly to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the auditor-general, and to see that the same be properly posted and entered up; also the accounts of the late and present commissary of stores and commissioners of loan-office. That they call on the council of safety and also on the governor and council, for a sight of their journals and other proceedings, and also for an account of the disposition and loan of all public monies; and on all persons who have had public monies advanced to them by the late conventions, general assembly, council of safety, or by order of the governor and council, to render an account thereof, and in general that they or any three or more of them have full power to enquire into the expenditure of all public monies, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records, and that they make report of their proceedings to the next general assembly; that they have power to employ a clerk and door keeper, and be allowed their reasonable expences whilst at Annapolis, and in going and coming thereto.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Was read and assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Strawbridge.

The resolve relative to the treaty of alliance and commerce, sent to the senate, together with the journal of accounts, by Mr. Hughes and Mr. Chew.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the declaration, and instructions to congress, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1778: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The petition of Thomas Johnson, jun. was referred to the consideration of next assembly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Polk, do prepare a message to the senate in answer to theirs of yesterday by Thomas Stone, Esq; Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the proclamation from congress, respecting the day of thanksgiving, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1778: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

On motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Polk, and Mr. Maddux, be a committee to prepare a message to the senate, respecting the amendment proposed to the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the better security of the government.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain nonjurors therein named, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1778: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve respecting the treaties of alliance and commerce, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1778: Read and unanimously assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The following message:

By