

16 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, passed March session 1780. An act to encrease the allowance of justices of the peace and jurymen, passed same session. An act relating to fines, forfeitures and penalties, and to establish the allowance to witnesses and fees of constables, passed same session. An act concerning nonjurors, 1779 and 80. An act to continue the act of assembly, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual, and for other purposes, passed November session 1779, continued June session 1780, until 10th September. Which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The house being informed, that Mr. James Hindman, a member of the house, in public, on yesterday, in conversation with a number of gentlemen respecting the debate, and the division of the house, on the question for calling out of circulation the state and convention money by exchange, at a rate not less than forty for one, declared, that the members who voted against the proposition were scoundrels, except a few fools; that particular members were rascals, scoundrels, and villains, and that others were scoundrels and fools, and crazy or out of their senses; and that the speaker, who on a division of the question voted in the negative, gave his vote from the nod or wink of a member; and the house being also informed, that the honourable Richard Barnes and William Hindman, Esquires, members of the senate, at the same time and place, declared, that the members who voted in the negative of the above proposition were rascals, scoundrels, and villains, and that they were governed in their vote by interest, and that particular members were rascals, scoundrels, and villains; and the following order being moved, viz. That Mr. James Hindman attend in his place on to-morrow morning at the meeting of the house, to answer the above charge and misdemeanor, and that summonies issue for _____ to attend this house, to give information respecting the above charge against Mr. Hindman,

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the above information and order be referred till to-morrow morning.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, November 11, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The order of the day being read, on motion, the question was put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed? Carried in the negative.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the governor, enclosing letters from the president of congress, of the 31st of October and 2d of November, with resolutions of congress of the 25th and 30th of October; a letter from his Excellency general Washington, of the 23d of October; and a letter from general Greene, of the 10th instant, with sundry requisitions.

On considering the information given yesterday to the house respecting the conduct of Mr. Hindman, a member of the house, the question was put, Whether, on information that a member, during the session, and out of the house, speaking of the determination of the house on a question, and the votes of the members on the question, had reflected on the speaker and the members of the house, by declaring, that the members who voted against a proposition were scoundrels, that particular members, for their vote and conduct in the house, were rascals, scoundrels, and villains, and that the speaker gave his vote, which determined the question, from a nod or wink of a member; the house have a power to call on the member charged with such behaviour to answer such charge of misdemeanor? The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Deye and appeared as follow:

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

Mills,	L. Mackall,	Ward,	Magruder,	Morris,	Norris,
J. Mackall,	Dent,	Lawson,	Clagett,	Dashiell,	Alexander,
W. Stevenson,	Causin,	Job,	Kent,	Houston,	Cramphin,
Hall,	J. Stevenson,	Kirk,	Earle,	F. Gaunt,	Bayly,
Worthington,	Hammond,	Craufard,	Chafe,	Taylor,	Oneale,
Maccubbin,	Sullivan,	Duckett,	Quynn,	M'Comas,	Hungerford.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Wilmer,	Cadwalader,	Deye,	Martin,	Wright,	Whitely.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hindman attend in his place on Wednesday morning next, to answer the charge exhibited against him, and that he be heard by counsel.

ORDERED,