

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

The house met. Mr. James Lloyd Chamberlaine, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Caroline county it appears, that Mr. James Seth was duly elected a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. William Hopper, who hath resigned.

By order,

J. LYON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Potts and Mr. Taylor:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 29, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. Scott, Mr. Chase, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Cadwaller, a committee to prepare a draught of instructions to our delegates in congress, relative to the confederation; and being desirous that instructions on that important subject should be draughted by a committee of both houses, request your honours, in case you approve that mode, to name some gentlemen of your house to join the members of our house in framing such draught.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 4, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Winder and Mr. Bayly.

The petition of William Cooke was read, and, on motion, ORDERED, That the same, together with the petition of Mary Pindle, be taken into consideration on the tenth day of the next session of assembly, and that the parties be heard by counsel.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 29, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS house have acceded to the proposal contained in your message by Messieurs Potts and Taylor, and have named Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, to join the committee appointed by your house to prepare a draught of instructions to our delegates in congress.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 30, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Martin and Mr. Earle appeared in the house. Mr. Cramphin has leave of absence until Thursday next. Mr. Freeland has leave of absence until Monday next.

On hearing and considering the excuse offered by Mr. Martin, for not returning agreeable to leave of absence, the house accepted thereof.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An explanatory act to the act, entitled, An act to procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of the United States, and to raise an additional regiment if necessary; and to the act, entitled, An act to expedite the raising an additional battalion of regulars. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Chase, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Williamson was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Calvert county, for the electing a delegate for said county, in the room of Mr. Williamson; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the fifteenth day of December next.

The bill to repeal part of an act of assembly, entitled, An act for amending and declaring the law in certain cases therein mentioned, &c. was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Whitely and Mr. Martin.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the governor, enclosing a passport given by Benjamin Franklin, Esq; to Dr. Upton Scott, and a copy of a parole given in New-York by the said Dr. Scott; which was read.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Richard Sprigg, agent for Messieurs Hanbury and Lloyd; and a petition from John Ridout, on behalf of colonel Horatio Sharpe; respecting the confiscation of their estates; which were read.

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