

made agreeably to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; and that they have full power to send for persons, papers and records.

ORDERED, That Mr. Jenings, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Forrest, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

ORDERED, That Mr. N. Worthington, Mr. Quynn and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to inquire what laws have expired, or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

ORDERED, That Mr. Turner, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. Pattison, Mr. Owings, Mr. Digges and Mr. Perkins, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury; and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, during this session, for the dispatch of public business, from eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three until six o'clock in the evening.

ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn inform the reverend Mr. Higinbotham, that the house request he will perform divine service every morning at the meeting of the house.

RESOLVED, That the rules of the last session be observed during this session.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Dent.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APRIL 18, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three until six o'clock in the evening, for its sitting every day this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

John Henry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the governor of North-Carolina, with an appointment of deputies to meet at Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the federal constitution, (of the 12th of January last;) a letter from the secretary of congress of the 2d February, with journals of congress; a letter from the board of treasury of the 2d of February, with a statement of the contingent expenditures of the United States from the 1st of January to the last day of December, 1786; a letter from the secretary of congress of the 21st of February, with an act of congress; an order of the council of Virginia of the 28th February, respecting port charges being demanded from vessels not exceeding forty feet keel nor fifty tuns burthen, the property of the citizens of Maryland trading to Virginia; a letter from the secretary of congress of the 1st of March, with a state of the representation in congress for December, January, and February last; a letter from the governor of New-Hampshire of the 3d of March, with an appointment of deputies to meet at Philadelphia for the purpose of revising the federal constitution; and a letter from the secretary of congress of the 31st of March, with an act of congress of the 23d of March for reducing the expenditures; severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 18, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

George Gale, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town for the establishment of an assurance fire-company, and a representation from Frederick Green, with a collection of laws from 1763 to 1784, severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 18, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

On motion, The question was put on the following: Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter to him from Joshua Seney, a delegate from Queen-Anne's county, containing a resignation of his seat as a member for that county, and it appearing to this house that Mr. Seney wrote the said letter with the intention of accepting the clerk's office of the said county, from an impression, that by such resignation he would become eligible to the said office, and which said resignation appearing to this house to arise from a mistaken construction of the constitution and form of government; ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker be requested to return to Mr. Seney his letter, and inform him that this house require his attendance on the public business.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington, appeared as follow:

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

McMessrs	Abell,	Chafe,	R. Bond,	Paca,	Hollingsworth,	Oneale,	
	De Butts,	Taney,	Digges,	Fawcett,	M'Mechen,	Holmes,	
	Forrest,	Owings,	Quynn,	Mantz,	Funk,	Nicholls.	20.
	Harwood,	Gale,					

N E G A T I V E.

McMessrs	Hopewell,	N. Worthington,	Gantt,	Sherwood,	Pattison,	Bayly,	
	Perkins,	B. Worthington,	Dent,	Stevens,	F. Bowie,	Hardcastle,	
	Miller,	Grahame,	Turner,	Hooper,	Henry,	Burgefs.	18.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

T H U R S.