

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 73

By the senate, December 26, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Amendment proposed. Between the 5th and 6th line from the bottom of the 2d page insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, before they enter upon the act proposed in the act, shall take the following oath, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, I will diligently and faithfully, without fear, favour, affection, or partiality, execute the duties and trust reposed in me by the act, entitled, An act for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army." Which oath any justice of the peace may and is hereby required to administer."

After the word "Susquehanna," in the 10th line of the 4th page, insert the words "by the western shore conveyance." After the word "acquire," in the 11th line of the same page, insert "by the eastern shore conveyance." After the word "supplies," in the 11th line from the bottom of the 4th page, insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That in case of any loss to the owner or owners of any waggon, team, or drier, employed in virtue of this act, that the same shall be ascertained by the oath of the owner or owners, and the value, by an appraisement or valuation by indifferent persons, to be paid by either of the treasurers, as other public claims, and charged to the account of the United States, such loss and valuation being first certified to either of the said treasurers by any one of the commissioners aforesaid."

After the word "when," at the end of the 7th line from the bottom of the 4th page, insert the following, "with the price fixed on, which price shall be ascertained by the said commissioner and the party, or in case of disagreement, by and with the assistance of a third reputable person, not having any of the said articles for sale, to be called in by the said commissioner."

After the word "price," in the fourth line from the bottom of the 4th page, insert the words "fixed on as aforesaid." Strike out from the word "kept," in the 7th line of the 5th page, to the bottom of the 6th page. After the word "done," in the 10th line of the 7th page, strike out to the end of the paragraph, and insert the following, "and the price agreed to be paid therefor."

Which were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, the question was put, That £. 4,000 per annum be allowed to the judge of the court of admiralty? Carried in the negative.

The question was then put on £. 3,000 per annum. Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the clerks of the two houses be allowed each the same per diem allowance, and itinerant charges, for their attendance in time of session, as the members of the general assembly; and a salary each at the rate of £. 2,000 per annum, for their care of the papers belonging to their respective houses, and making up two journals each session, one for the printer and the other to be recorded.

ORDERED, That the clerk provide a record book for the purpose of entering the proceedings.

RESOLVED, That an allowance of £. 1,500 per annum be made to the messenger to the governor and council.

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

MONDAY, December 27, 1779.

The house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Fitzhugh. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The engrossed bill No. 32 read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereto, by Mr. Johnson and Mr. W. Stevenson.

Mr. William Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of perjurers; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the following be entered as the order of this house, to wit: That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Quynn, be appointed to contract for the making seats in the gallery, and for the erecting seats under the gallery, which are to be appropriated for the use of the governor, the members of the senate, and the council, the chancellor, and judges, when they think proper to attend any public debate? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye, appeared as follow:

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