

The engrossed bill, No. 35, sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Williamson and Mr. Reed.

The engrossed bills, Nos. 39 and 40, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Burgess and Mr. M'Gee.

On 1st Dec. reading the report from the committee appointed to enquire into the condition of the state-house, &c., and the petition of Mr. Charles Wallace, the undertaker, **RESOLVED**, That the same be referred to the commissioners appointed by the act of assembly to state and settle the public accounts, with full powers to settle and adjust all accounts relative to said building with the said Charles Wallace; subject nevertheless to the controul of the general assembly: and that the said commissioners, or any two of them, have power to contract and agree with some person to secure the dome, in such manner that the building may not be injured.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the special appointment of inspectors, and to encrease their salaries and the warehouse rent; thus endorsed, "By the senate, December 30, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Upon a second reading the letter from Uriah Forrest, of the 10th of November last, the question was put, That the same be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. J. Hall, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Reed,	W. Stevenson,	Quynn,	Keene,	Cramphin,	M'Mechin,
Key,	Dent,	Chase,	Dennis,	Bayly,	Alexander,
Jordan,	Warkhead,	M'Gee,	Stricker,	Wootton,	Stull,
Lethbrary,	B. Hall,	Bruff,	Beatty,	Deye,	Archer.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. N. Hall,	J. Hall,	Magruder,	J. Hanfon,	Hammond,	M'Comas,
Gr. Cham,	Ward,	J. Henry,	Burgess,	Barnes,	Norris.
Worthington,	Job,	Ringgold,	J. Stevenson,	Sprigg,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the duty of the General Assembly to enact laws to promote the happiness, the convenience, the ease and safety of the people.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it was the duty of the general assembly to comply (as far as in their power) with the requisition of congress, of the 6th of October last, and to raise if possible fourteen million two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, required by congress as our quota, in nine months from the first of February next; on which the public credit, the existence of our army, and the support of our liberties so greatly depend.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the opinion of this house, that it is improper to attempt to raise the whole of our quota by taxes, and that it is impracticable to collect by taxes the monthly sum of one million five hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the opinion of this house, that the honourable the senate, by rejecting the bill for the seizing and confiscating British property, hath prevented this house from complying with the requisition of congress, and raising money to enable that body to support the credit of our currency, and to defray the current expences of the war; and therefore, that any consequences which may arise therefrom to the public are properly and justly to be imputed to those members of the senate who gave their negative to the bill.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the voters of this state be earnestly requested to express their sentiments on the present difference between the two branches of the legislature, respecting the seizing and confiscating British property within this state.

ORDERED, That the above resolves be printed in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, and with the messages before ordered to be published.

On the second reading the report of the committee appointed to enquire into Mr. Bullen's account, **ORDERED**, That the said account be referred to the auditor-general for settlement.

The engrossed bill, No. 41, sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Key and Mr. Barnes.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, the two resolves respecting the civil officers, and the resolve respecting the delegates to congress, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1779: Read and assented to."

By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

RESOLVED,