

88 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER, 1779.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and fully empowered to direct, that a guard be hired upon the most reasonable terms that can be obtained for the security of the powder magazine near Frederick-town, or any other magazine in this State, and that they be requested to have the account of expences heretofore incurred on behalf of the State, relative to such magazines, audited, adjusted, and paid.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

TO your long message of this day, by Messieurs Sprigg and Birkhead, on the subject of confiscation, sent us at the moment almost when both houses expected to rise, we presume you do not look for an answer. Decency, however, requires, that we acknowledge the receipt, and that it has been read. Circumstances do not allow us to say more than what in justice to ourselves we are constrained to say, that we remark some misrepresentation, and much fallacy of argument. It was our wish at first, and nothing now remains but to refer the subject to the consideration of another session, not because your reasoning is unanswerable, but because the intention of both houses to rise this evening, will not admit of such an answer as might otherwise well be given. We propose to adjourn to the 29th day of March next.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. W. Stevenson.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve respecting the magazine in Frederick county, and the resolve for an allowance to the delegates in congress preceding the last nomination, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1779. Read and assented to."

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1779. Read and assented to."

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill, No. 42, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Stevenson and Mr. M'Gee.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill from No. 33 to No. 42 inclusive, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1779. The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to."

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, from the senate, attend Mr. Speaker, that the governor is attending in the senate, in order to sign and seal the engrossed laws. Mr. Speaker, attended by the members, went to the senate, where the governor, in the presence of both houses, signed and sealed the following laws, viz.

No. 33. An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

No. 34. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.

No. 35. An act for the assessment of property within this state.

No. 36. An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army.

No. 37. An act for the relief of certain nonjurors.

No. 38. An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by act of assembly.

No. 39. An act to encrease the allowances of witnesses and the fees of constables.

No. 40. An act to encrease the allowance of justices of the peace and jurymen.

No. 41. An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and to encrease their salaries and the warehouse rent.

No. 42. An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Maccubbin, revise and correct the journal.

The house adjourns till the first day of March next.

So ends this session of assembly, this 30th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Test.

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.