

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq from the Senate, delivers to Mr Speaker a Letter from Robert Truitt, Secretary to the Board of Treasury, directed to his Excellency the Governor of this State, enclosing an Act of Congress of the 7th of October last, which were read and referred to Mr Hanford Mr Spafford and Mr Crutcher who are appointed a Committee to consider and report thereon

In Motion, Resolved, That this House will make such Provision to the Governor, and the other civil Officers of Government, as will enable them to defray their reasonable actual Expenses

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr Ditzfugh, Mr Sprigg, Mr Henry, Mr Hanford, Mr Jordan, be a Committee to report what Provision to the several Civil Officers of this State will defray their reasonable and actual Expenses, and also to report what Compensation ought to be made to the Civil Officers, agreeable to the Resolution of the last Assembly of the 12th of August - The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock

Post Meridien. The House met

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for a second reading the Bill for the regulation of Prizes &c be further referred.

Mr W. Worthington, Esq from the Senate, delivers to Mr Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act for the seizure and Confiscation of British Property within this State, thus endorsed; "By the Senate, December 16th 1779"

"Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table By Order H Ridgely C. Sen"

"By the Senate, December 20th 1779: Read the second Time and will not pass By Order H Ridgely C. Sen"

And the following Message

By the Senate, December 20th 1779.

Gentlemen, The extreme Severity of the Weather, and Prospect of Danger to the Eastern Shore Gentlemen of being shut out from their Homes during the Winter, call upon us to give every possible Dispatch in our Power to the necessary public Business (and make us anxiously desirous to have it completed; but we are so situated, having but eight attending Members, without the least Expectation of an Addition to the Number, that if sickness, or other Accident, should prevent any one of them from giving their Attendance, the whole Business of the Session must remain unfinished. From those Considerations, amongst others, we have been induced to return, with a Negative, the Bill, entitled, An Act for the seizure and Confiscation of British Property within this State. - It is a Bill of an extraordinary kind, the Subject is a obscure, difficult and important, and in our Opinion ought to receive more mature Deliberation than from the present Circumstances can be given; and we the more readily adopt this Measure, because though the Bill is confessedly important, yet we conceive it to be of such a Nature, as that no Evil can arise to the Public from its being postponed, even should the final Passage of it be the Result of a full and free Discussion By Order H Ridgely C. Sen.

Which was read a first and second Time, and Ordered, That Mr Chase, Mr Lotherbury, Mr Ditzfugh, Mr Henry, Mr Hanford, Mr Crutcher, and Mr Buchanan do prepare and bring in a Message to the Senate in Answer thereto

Richard Barnes, Esq from the Senate, delivers to Mr Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act for building a Bridge over Tuckahoe Creek, thus endorsed; "By the Senate, December 15th 1779 Read the first

Time and ordered to lie on the Table By Order H Ridgely C. Sen"

"By the Senate, December 20th 1779 Read the second Time and will not pass. By Ord. H Ridgely C. Sen"

The Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent distilling Grain into Spirit, thus endorsed, "By the Senate, Dec 20th 1779

"Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table. By Order H Ridgely C. Sen." "By the Senate, Dec 20th 1779

"Read the second Time and will pass. By Order H Ridgely C. Sen"

Which was ordered to be engrossed.