

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 honorable 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 Expenses of the War; and therefore, that any Consequences that 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 great Dispute 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 N. 26, sent to the Senate, with the Paper Bill thereof by Mr. Hoag and Mr. Barnes.

The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridiam, The House met

Brice W. Worthington, Esq: from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Journal of Accounts, the two Resolves respecting the civil Office, and the Resolve respecting the Delegates to Congress, severally endorsed; By the Senate, December 30th 1779 Read and assented to

By Order A. Ridgely, Clk. Serv.

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 Tradovich Down, or any other Powder Magazine in this State, and that they be requested to have the Account of Expenses 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 30th 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 perceive you do not look for an Answer. Deceit, 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 Tallary