

marque ship, belonging to Liverpool with a valuable cargo of West-India goods; both vessels, without exaggeration, worth at least thirty thousand pounds; the cutter mounted 16 six pounders, and had 72 men. Besides the above, the southernmost cutter took and ransomed a brig belonging to Saltcoats, two sloops belonging to Greenock, and one to Liverpool, all well loaded; besides many others. The Black Prince, I need not doubt, has by this time made as many prizes among the buccas as the can carry ransomers for. You may rely upon the certainty of this information.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.

From undoubted authority we hear, that two armed vessels, (one the Oliver Cromwell) conveying five troops from New-York to Penobscot, were taken by the American frigates, and brought into Boston.

IN ASSEMBLY, Nov. 19, 1779.

Agreeable to a proposition from a convention of commissioners assembled at Hartford, from the states of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New-York, recommending that a general convention of all the states as far southward as Virginia, inclusive, should meet in the city of Philadelphia on the first Wednesday in January next, to agree on a general limitation of prices, and other matters therein mentioned:

Resolved unanimously, That this house doth approve of the same.

November 23, P. M.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house proceeded to elect by ballot five persons, as commissioners, to meet with other commissioners in this city from the states north-east of Virginia inclusive, on the first Wednesday in January next, for the purpose expressed in the minute of the 18th instant. The elect on being taken, the Honorable John Bayard, Speaker, George Bryson, John Adams, John Bull, and William Henry of Lancaster, Esquires, were duly chosen.

Extract from the minutes,

THOMAS PAINE,

Clerk of the general assembly.

N. B. The printers in the several states which are to form this convention are requested to give the above a place in their papers.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 31.

Yesterday the General Assembly of this State adjourned, the Senate to the twenty-ninth and the House of Delegates to the first day of March next, after having passed the following Laws:

1. An act concerning nonjurors.
2. An act for the relief of the reverend Francis Lyder.
3. An act for the relief of Anna Maria Ringgold, of Kent county, widow.
4. An act to prevent the raising of geese and fawns in the town of Cambridge.
5. An act for the furtherance of justice in a particular cause.
6. An act relating to the county courts of Caroline county.
7. A supplement to the act for the establishment of select vestries.
8. An act for the erecting new warehouses in the town of Madenburgh.
9. An act for the relief of the reverend Thomas Brown, of Dorset county, and the reverend Joseph Messenger, of Saint Mary's county.
10. An act to explain the several acts of assembly heretofore made, relative to the enrollment of deeds.
11. An act to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to sell certain lands, to lay a further tax on property within the said city and its precincts, to regulate and license ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof.
12. An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned.
13. An act relating to the marsh-causeway in Caroline county.
14. An act relating to public roads.
15. An act to incorporate the managers of Back-Creek school.
16. An act to prohibit, for a limited time, the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beer, pork, bacon, live stock, peas, beans, oats, and other victual.
17. An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.
18. An act for the more effectual preventing of stealing and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned.
19. An act to enable the justices of Frederick and Montgomery counties to assess a sum of mo-

ney sufficient to defray the expences of the commissioners in dividing Frederick county.

20. An act to empower Thomas Harrison to lay out anew and amend the streets, lanes, and alleys, of that part of Baltimore-Town commonly called the Marthy Ground.

21. An act for the relief of Joseph Cowman, of Anne-Arundel county.

22. An act to empower the vestry of St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to exchange certain lands with Thomas Harrison, for the use of said parish, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

23. An act for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town, in Charles county.

24. An act relating to the estates of deceased persons.

25. An act for the regulation of officers fees.

26. An act to prevent unshipping grain into spirits.

27. An act for the relief of William Whetcroft, of the city of Annapolis.

28. An act to empower the governor and the council to sell the public property therein mentioned.

29. An act to appoint commissioners to state and settle the public accounts.

30. An act to make valid a deed from Joseph Semmes, of the kingdom of France, to Charles Goodluck, of Charles county.

31. An act relating to certain certificates.

32. An act for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army.

33. An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Baltimore-Town, in Baltimore county.

34. A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.

35. An act for the assessment of property within this state.

36. An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army.

37. An act for the relief of certain nonjurors.

38. An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly.

39. An act to encrease the allowances of witnesses and the fees of constables.

40. An act to encrease the allowance of justices of the peace and jurymen.

41. An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and to encrease their salaries and the warehouse rent.

42. An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

By his EXCELLENCY THOMAS SIMLEE, Esquire, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is represented, by the most unquestionable authority, that the army of the United States is greatly distressed for want of flour and forage, and that they will infallibly disband, unless the most speedy and extraordinary exertions are made, by this state, to procure those articles for their relief.

And, Whereas the General Assembly have enacted a law, entitled; "An act for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army," which requires the utmost efforts of every worthy citizen of this state to carry the same into full and speedy execution:

I DO therefore most earnestly entreat, conjure, require, and enjoin, all justices of the peace, sheriffs and their deputies, constables, and all other good citizens of this state, by that love of their country, that patriotic zeal and magnanimity which have hitherto distinguished their conduct in the present glorious contest for life, liberty, and property, to exert themselves to the utmost, at this critical emergency, in procuring and furnishing flour and other provisions for the immediate relief of the army, in their present alarming distress, and rendering every assistance to the commissioners, in carrying the said law into execution.

GIVEN at Annapolis the twenty-ninth day of December, in the year of our lord seventeen hundred and seventy-nine.

THO. SIMLEE GOD SAVE THE STATE By his Excellency's command, THO. JOHNSON, jun. Secr.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 30, 1779.

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 possible fourteen million two hundred and twenty thousand dollars, required by Congress as arrears, 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 is 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 tax, and that it is impracticable to collect by tax 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 the 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.

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Extraß of a letter from Philadelphia, dated Tuesday morning, Dec. 23, 1779.

"I have this moment received (from good authority) an account that 6000 men have embarked at New-York, that general Clinton is with them, and that they are bound to the southward."

We are requested to insert the following, from the Pennsylvania Journal of Dec. 22.

BOSTON, Dec. 1.

We hear the state of New-Hampshire have most equitably and wisely repealed the law that enabled a man to discharge a debt in silver, upon his paying the creditor the same nominal sum in paper, and empowered their judges not barely to sit in the seat of nominal justice, but really to dispense it between man and man. They were sensible that the law they have so honourably repealed was, in its operation, a crying sin; that particularly it pointed the cry of the widow and orphan against the government that enacted it, and that the cry was loud and piercing enough to make the ears even of a pagan to tingle. They were fully sensible that it must be a flagrant scandal upon any government, to continue a law which the common feelings of humanity would never allow to be executed, and according to which no jury, with the least spark of conscience or honour, could ever give their verdict.

A PETITION will be offered to the first session of the general assembly after this notice shall have been published eight weeks; for an act admitting to record, and giving effect from the date to a deed executed in Prince-George's county, by George Conn to Josias Shaw, for part of a tract of land called William and Anne's. RICHARD HENDERSON.

In COUNCIL, Annapolis, Dec. 17, 1779.

ANY gentleman having vessels to let on freight to Europe or the West-Indies, and willing to treat with the Governor and Council, are requested to transmit their proposals as speedily as convenient.

T. JOHNSON, jun. cl.

CAME some months ago to the plantation of Mrs. Eleanor Carroll, on Rock-Creek, Montgomery county, the following stray cattle, viz. One red steer, one brindled and one black heifer; they are marked with two swallow-forks. The owner may have them again, on proving his property and paying charges, by applying to PAUL SOMERS, Overseer.

CASH given for clean Linen and Cotton RAGS.