

Mr. Richard Parran having departed the house without leave, ORDERED, That he immediately attend this house in custody of Charles Jacob, appointed messenger for that purpose.

Mr. William Allein, a delegate returned for Calvert county, having never attended, and the house being informed that he is much indisposed, ORDERED, That the clerk write to him, and request his attendance as soon as he recovers from his illness.

ORDERED, That the clerk write to Mr. Yeates and doctor Smith Bishop, and request their immediate attendance.

Mr. Perkins, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Semmes, Mr. M^cPherson, Mr. Benson, Mr. Selby, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Mason, Mr. Douglass, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Burgess, having had leave of absence for a few days, ORDERED, That the clerk write to them respectively, and request their immediate attendance in this house.

Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Steele, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Downes, are excused on account of their indisposition.

Mr. Bowie, who had leave of absence till Wednesday last, and did not appear till Thursday, is excused on account of the indisposition of his family.

Mr. Craufurd, who had leave of absence till Monday last, and did not appear till Wednesday, is excused for the same reason.

Mr. Ridgely having departed without leave, is excused on the peculiar circumstances of his case.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Smithson not appearing on Monday last at the call of the house, are fined one day's allowance each.

Mr. T. Bond having departed the house without leave, and alleged the indisposition of his family in excuse, is fined two days allowance.

Captain Lansdale attended the house according to the order of Tuesday the fourth instant, and admitted that he brought a sealed letter from Daniel Chamier, Esquire, of New-York, in the British service, to Mr. Ridgely, a member of this house, but alleged that he received two other letters from Mr. Chamier to some of his relations in this state, unsealed, which contained nothing political, but related to matters of private concern only, and that he was assured by Mr. Chamier, that the letter directed to Mr. Ridgely respected only his family and private affairs.

RESOLVED, That the bringing a letter from any enemy of this or the United States, to any subject of this or the United States, is a high misdemeanor, and any person bringing any such letter ought to deliver the same to some judge or justice of the peace; but on considering the said circumstances alleged by captain Lansdale, ORDERED, That he be discharged.

ORDERED, That Mr. Lansdale be called to the bar of the house, and informed of the above resolution, and that Mr. Speaker inform him, that he is discharged from any further attendance. Which was done.

Mr. Lethbrary brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the quartering of soldiers. And

Mr. Ewing brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the courts of justice.

Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, That this house proceed to the appointment of commissioners to meet commissioners from the other five middle states at York-Town in Pennsylvania, on Monday next, agreeable to and for the purposes mentioned in a recommendation from the honourable congress? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? Carried in the negative.

Mr. S. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the committee appointed to prepare a draught of the commissions to be granted to the chancellor, judges and justices of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, judges, justices, and the other civil officers of this state. Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a memorial from John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, setting forth, That it has not been in his power to collect the public dues, so as to discharge the claims of the public creditors, and praying an act may pass, allowing a further time for the collection of the same, ORDERED, That the said memorial be referred to the consideration of a committee; and Mr. J. Bond, Mr. T. Bond, Mr. Archer, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Smith, are appointed a committee to consider of the same, and report their opinion thereon.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to prepare a draught of the commissions to be granted to the chancellor, judges and justices of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, judges, justices, and the other civil officers of this