

F R I D A Y, March 20, 1778.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Edelen and Mr. Young appeared in the house.

The petition of George Ranken was read a second time and referred to the committee of claims. George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from John Raifin of Kent county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 19, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Mr. J. Hall, from the committee to whom the several letters and acts of congress, &c. were referred, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read in the words following:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the several letters and acts of congress; also letters from the board of war, and letters from general Washington and others.

IN obedience to the order of the honourable house, Your committee have taken the several letters and papers to them referred into their consideration, and observing the pressing instances of the honourable congress, the board of war, and general Washington, to procure provisions of the meat kind, and forward the same to camp, are of opinion, That an act of the general assembly ought to pass without delay, to facilitate the buying up and transporting provisions of the species abovementioned towards the camp, and that application ought forthwith to be made by the governor and council to congress, for a sum of money to pay for the same. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order,

JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

The said report being read and concurred with, ORDERED, That the said committee prepare and bring in a bill in pursuance of the same.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the service of the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hyland and Mr. Winder appeared in the house.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, of the sect of reformed presbyterians, was presented to the house and read, alleging, That they think their liberty of conscience deeply affected by the general test directed to be taken by an act passed the last session of assembly, and therefore praying relief in such manner as the legislature shall deem most proper. The house taking the same into consideration, and the question being put, it was unanimously rejected.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, March 21, 1778.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of John Raifin of Kent county was read, setting forth, That he is possessed of a tract of land in Kent county, called Adam's Hope, formerly the property of a certain Thomas Bateshell and Sarah his wife, who, for the consideration of forty pounds common money, by deed of bargain and sale, bearing date the 4th day of April, 1744, conveyed the said land to the petitioner's father. That by the negligence or inattention of the petitioner's father, the said deed was not recorded. And therefore praying an act may pass for recording the said deed, and making the same valid in law. ORDERED, That Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Gresham, be a committee to enquire into the facts contained in the same, and make report thereof, together with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition from Thomas Kemp, of Talbot county, was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That, in the month of September, 1774, he was jointly bound with a certain Philip Wetherell, in a bond for two hundred and ninety-one pounds sterling money, to Daniel Maynardier, late of said county; that the said Wetherell soon died, and a certain Thomas Place administered upon his estate, and has since withdrawn himself from this state without having fully administered the same: that the said Maynardier in his life-time obtained a judgment against the said Place with stay of execution, but died in the intermediate time: that he is informed, that a certain Robert Richardson hath, by petition, prayed an act may pass, to enable him to dispose of the real estate of said Wetherell, for payment of a debt which the petitioner conceives to be foreign. And therefore praying, that the petition of the said Richardson may be dismissed, and that an act may pass to vest the real estate of the said Wetherell in trustees, to be sold to the highest