

W E D N E S D A Y, April 8, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Strawbridge and Mr. Goldsborough. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house. Mr. Ward has leave of absence.

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent has leave of absence.

On a second reading the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, respecting the records of said county, ORDERED, That Mr. Veazey, Mr. Hyland, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Bruff, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report the same, together with their opinion, to the house.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from col. Henry Hollingsworth, of the 5th instant, which was read, and the house taking the same, as also a letter from general Smallwood, of the 2d instant, into consideration, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorised and requested to order out such of the militia of Cæcil, Kent, and Harford counties, or of any other adjacent counties, as may be necessary to guard the public stores removing or about to be removed from the Delaware state towards the head of the bay, also to guard any public stores that may be removing or about to be removed from any place in the upper part of this state.

Sent up for concurrence by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Somervill.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing resolution, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 8, 1778: Read and assented with the following amendment: "Strike out, in the tenth line, "towards the head of the bay," and insert, at the conclusion of "the resolve, "to some place of security in this or the neighbouring states."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The amendment was read and assented to, and the resolve communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Burgess.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent excessive gaming; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sheredine has leave of absence.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. West, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the governor's letter of the sixth instant, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from Alexander Furnival and William Campbell, captains of artillery companies in the service of this state, on behalf of their said companies, was presented to the house and read, representing, That great dissatisfaction prevailed among the men, on account of the inequality of pay between the state and continental establishment; and praying to be put on the continental establishment with respect to their pay and rations.

The house taking into consideration the report brought in this afternoon, RESOLVED, That the bill now on the table, for preventing insurrections, ought to be perfected as soon as possible, and that clauses be added to ascertain the bounty, pay and rations of the independent company to be raised; also proper clauses to encourage sailors and mariners to serve on board the galleys, by raising their pay; and that non-jurors be disqualified from acting as grand or petit jurymen. That a clause be added to the said bill, to empower the lieutenants of the several counties of this state to disarm the non-jurors in their respective counties, and lodge the arms, ammunition and accoutrements so obtained in the public magazine of the county; and to seize and secure any boats or other vessels which he has good reason to apprehend will be made use of by the disaffected, to keep up or carry on a communication with the enemy. That the governor and council be informed, that the house of delegates are of opinion two companies of militia, or more if necessary, ought to be marched from the neighbouring counties, to be stationed in Somerset until the independent company can be raised, or other regular force sent down.

The bill, entitled, An act to prevent and suppress insurrections, was read, and committed for amendments.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Richard Brown, of Charles county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 8, 1778: Read and referred "to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which said petition was read, setting forth, That he is possessed of a considerable estate in Scotland, upon the yearly income of which his family chiefly depends for support; that if he should