

RESOLVED, That for the dispatch of public business during this session, this house will sit from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till six.

ORDERED, That the rules of October session be observed this session.

His excellency the governor communicated to the house a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, of the 24th of April last, enclosing an act of congress of the 23d of the same month, for detecting disaffection, and defeating conspiracies and insurrections in the district therein mentioned, together with a copy of a letter from general Smallwood of the 17th, and copies of two letters to which the general referred: Also a letter, of the 27th of April, enclosing an act of congress of the 23d of the same month, for transporting the public provisions and stores across the Chesapeake bay, or otherwise; and an act of the 24th, for granting pardons, and recommending to the several states to pass laws or issue proclamations for that purpose; Also a letter of the 5th of May, enclosing an act of congress of the 1st of same month, recommending the exempting from militia duty such persons as may be employed in manufacturing military stores, &c. for the use of the United States: Also a letter of the 8th of May, enclosing an act of congress of the 6th of the same month, for making known to the public such parts of the treaty of Paris of the 6th of February last, as congress have judged necessary to be published, and for government of conduct in particular cases: Also a letter of the 11th of May, enclosing copies of an address by congress to the inhabitants of the United States, and copies of a proclamation for restraining the conduct of captains, commanders, and other officers and seamen belonging to American armed vessels: Also a letter of the 26th of May, enclosing an act of congress of the 22d of the same month, recommending to the several states to exempt from militia service, and to disqualify from acting as substitutes, all prisoners and deserters from the British army and navy: A letter from his excellency general Washington, of the 4th of May, upon the subject of recruiting men in this state for the German battalion; and a letter of the 17th, requesting that five hundred of the militia of this state might be embodied and sent forward to the head of Elk: A letter from general Smallwood of the 18th of May, on the same subject: And a letter from major Lee, of the partizan corps of light dragoons, of the 4th instant, together with his instructions to capt. Lindsay, of the said corps, for procuring geldings for the light dragoon service, of the inhabitants of the peninsula formed by the Delaware and Chesapeake bays. Which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Sprigg appeared in the house.

Mr. Veazey, Mr. West, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Sheredine, and Mr. Deye, are elected by ballot a committee of elections and privileges, with power to send for persons, papers and records. Mr. Henry, Mr. Murray, Mr. R. Barnes, Mr. Bruff, and Mr. Forbes, a committee of grievances and courts of justice, with like power. Mr. Bruff, Mr. West, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Murray, a committee of claims. Mr. Edelen, Mr. West, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Hughes, and Mr. Douglass, a committee of manufactures. Mr. Quynn, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Brice, a committee to enquire what laws will expire this session.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, June 9, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall and Mr. Hughes. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Chase appeared in the house. Mr. William Goldsborough, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

A letter from John Hall, Esq; was received and read, notifying a resignation of his seat in the house.

The several letters and acts of congress, &c. being read a second time, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration and report specially thereon; and Mr. Henry, Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Forbes and Mr. West, are elected a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Nicholas Harwood and Mr. William Hanson M'Pherson are appointed assistant clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

RESOLVED, That this house will, on Monday next, take into consideration the articles of confederation and perpetual union between the United States of America.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of this state, setting forth, That they have been prevented, by sickness and other causes, from taking the oath of fidelity and support to the state, and praying to be admitted to take the same, being presented to the house and read, ORDERED, That Mr. Murray,