

The house being equally divided, the same was determined in the negative by the honourable speaker.

Leave given to bring in a bill concerning the gun lock factory in Frederick-Town, in Frederick county. ORDERED, That Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Henry, Mr. Edelen, and Mr. Sheredine, do prepare and bring in the same.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit, for a limited time, the exportation of wheat, flour, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 16, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, June 17, 1778: Read the second time, by especial order, and will pass with "the amendments herewith sent.

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

Amendments proposed. In the 6th line of the 4th page, strike out the words "by land or water," and insert in the 8th line, between the words "conveyed" and "to," the words "by water." Strike out the word "shore," in the 9th line, and insert "point of the mouth." Strike out from the word "case," in the 11th line of same page, to the word "the," in the second line from the bottom of same page, and insert as follow: "Provided also, That in case the governor and council shall at any time think a suspension of this act necessary." Strike out the word "or," in the last line of the fourth page, and the words "proclamations to be issued," at the beginning of the fifth page. Insert the word "generally" after the word "exportation," in the first line of same page. Strike out the words "and singular," in the second line of same page. Strike out from the word "commodities," in the second line, to the word "any," in the 4th line.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The said amendments were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Leave given to bring in a bill for naturalization. ORDERED, That Mr. West, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Forbes, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Alexander M'Fadon, of Montgomery county, was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That, in the month of June, 1776, he received the sum of three hundred pounds currency from the public, and gave bond to repay the same in country linen; that in the month of August, 1776, he delivered to Mr. Charles Wallace Howard two hundred and thirty-nine and a half yards of linen, which was valued to the sum of thirty-eight pounds and nine-pence; that in April, 1778, he delivered to Mr. William Deakin ninety yards and a half of full'd cloth, at fifty shillings per yard; that the said deliveries, amounting to two hundred and sixty-four pounds five shillings and nine-pence, leaves a balance in his hands, due the state, of thirty-five pounds fourteen shillings and three-pence, and praying to be released from his contract on paying the said balance. ORDERED, That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. West, and Mr. Burgess, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report the same, together with their opinion thereon, to the house.

RESOLVED, That no new claims be received against the public after Friday next, and that the journal of accounts be closed on that day.

Mr. M'Pherson has leave of absence till Saturday next.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, June 18, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. M'Pherson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Worthington brought in a report, which was read, and follows in these words:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session.

YOUR committee, in pursuance of the order and directions of the honourable house, do find that the following law will expire at the end of this session: An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council. Which is submitted to the consideration of your honourable house.

Signed by order, NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Mr. Sheredine delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning the gun-lock factory in Frederick-Town in Frederick county; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house, according to order, taking into consideration the report of the committee of the whole, on the articles of confederation, &c. the question was put, Whether any alterations or amendments may be proposed to a report from a committee of the whole? Determined in the affirmative.

AFFIRMATIVE.