

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 47

By THE SENATE, DECEMBER 8, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree to the proposal contained in your message by Messieurs Clagett and Giles, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Thomas Stone, Esquires, to meet the gentlemen named by your house.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Duckett appeared in the house. Mr. Craufurd has leave of absence until Thursday next.

On the second reading of the report from the committee appointed to enquire what laws have or will expire, &c. on motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Potts, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Morris, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, empowering the county courts to levy tobacco to defray the necessary charges of their counties and parishes. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Brogden, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 9, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Winder, Mr. Craufurd, and Mr. Hammond. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The report from the committee appointed to enquire what laws have or will expire, &c. was read throughout, and leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Potts, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Worthington, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

William Hemley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass, to enable the justices of said county to assess a sum of money sufficient for the repairs of the public gaol and court-house, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee of both houses, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed by both houses of assembly to consider and report on the letter from his Excellency the governor, and the petition of the trustees of the poor of Frederick county, &c.

THE committee, having considered the subject matters referred to them, beg leave to report,

That it is their opinion, that Frederick-town, in Frederick county, is the only place where the convention troops, now on their way, can be accommodated in this state with any sort of convenience to the inhabitants or themselves; that before they can be received there, some work will be necessary to be done to the barracks, and perhaps the old manufacturing house and tory gaol.

That the trustees of the poor of Frederick county be empowered to place out the poor, rent out the poor-house, and apply the rent towards their support.

That application be made of the flour and short forage belonging to the state, in the neighbourhood of Frederick-town, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the immediate subsistence of the said troops and their guard, as also the cavalry and teams, and that corn be purchased at convenient mills for the support in general of the men.

That as your committee conceive the necessary quantity, or indeed any considerable quantity, of flesh provisions, cannot be supplied at or near Frederick-town, that application be made to the state of Virginia to supply the same; and that the governor and council be empowered to appoint proper persons, and from time to time advance the necessary sums of money, to procure necessary supplies.

All which is submitted to the honourable houses.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

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