

On reading a second time the message from the house of delegates by Messieurs Jordan and Gibson, the following was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, February 11, 1777.

Gentlemen,

IN consequence of your message of this afternoon by Messieurs Jordan and Gibson, we have appointed B. T. B. Worthington and Turbutt Wright, Esquires, to join the gentlemen therein named, as a committee to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.
Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

W E D N E S D A Y, February 12, 1777.

THE senate met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Mason from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following draught of a proclamation.

By the G E N E R A L A S S E M B L Y of M A R Y L A N D.
A P R O C L A M A T I O N.

WHEREAS divers persons, inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties in this state, influenced by wicked, artful, and designing men, have manifested their disregard and enmity to the sacred rights and liberties of America, by opposing the measures adopted by congress and the supreme authority of this state; by endeavouring to discourage and obstruct the recruiting service for the necessary defence of our just rights, liberties, and property, and by words and open deed, have not only maintained the authority of the cruel and unrelenting tyrant of Great-Britain and his venal and corrupt parliament over the good people of this state, and attempted to persuade the faithful subjects thereof to return to a dependence on the crown and parliament of Great Britain, but maliciously and advisedly have endeavoured to raise tumults and disorders in the state, and to excite the people to resist the government thereof as by law established, and at length, in open violation and breach of their duty to their country and obedience to its laws, have carried on a traitorous correspondence with the cruel enemies of this and other the United States, invited them to join in an unnatural war against their friends, countrymen and brothers, by erecting the standard of the tyrant of Britain, and assembling in arms for the impious and diabolical purpose of shedding the blood of their neighbours, friends and brethren, and overturning the constitution and government of this state, established solely under the authority of the good people thereof: The General Assembly have therefore thought proper, from compassion to the deluded and infatuated people of the counties of Somerset and Worcester, leagued and confederated for the abovementioned horrid purposes, and to prevent spilling the blood of their christian brethren, to issue this their proclamation, to exhort them to return to their duty and obedience to the laws of their country, and to require them immediately to disperse, and within thirty days from the date hereof, to repair to the commanding officer, at such time and place in the counties of Somerset and Worcester as he shall appoint, and deliver up all their fire and side arms, and take the oath of allegiance and fidelity to this state, as prescribed by the form of government thereof: And the general assembly do declare, that upon strictly complying with the terms aforesaid, the insurgents shall not only be pardoned for all offences and crimes heretofore committed against this state, but shall be received and protected by its laws, power and authority, and secured in as full and ample enjoyment of their civil and religious rights as any other the subjects of this state, and further, that their grievances (if any) shall be heard and redressed. But the general assembly, to prevent such rebellious combinations, have thought proper to except from any benefit or advantage under this proclamation the following leaders, viz. Andrew Francis Cheney, Hamilton Callallo, Whittington Turpin, Thomas Moore, Stoughton Maddox, Thomas Malcolm, Levy Langford, Josephus Beall, Thomas Polett, jun. Angelo Atkinson, Jesse Gray, William Pollett, John Odell Hart, and the reverend Mr. Bowie.

This proclamation was read and assented to by the house of delegates on the 11th day of February, 1777, and sent to the senate for their concurrence.

T. SPRIGG WOOTTON, sp. ho. del.

INSTRUCTIONS by the general assembly of Maryland; to brigadier-general Smallwood, and through him to colonel Gist, the commanding officer of the detachment that now moves forward against the Somerset and Worcester county insurgents.

COLONEL GIST is to take with him all the troops now under his command (the Virginia regiment of regulars excepted) together with the Annapolis independent company of militia, commanded by captain James Brice, and thirty matrosses, with two field pieces, commanded by

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lieutenant