

On motion, ORDERED, That the same be entered at large on the proceedings of the senate.

An ACT of indemnity, and to aid and make valid certain proceedings therein mentioned.

WHEREAS, at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the twenty-second day of October, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, a resolve was passed by both houses of the general assembly of this state in the following words: "That the accepting and executing of any office in this state by a senator or member of the house of delegates, without any fee or reward during the time such person was chosen a senator or member of the house of delegates, previously to his acceptance of such office resigning his seat in the general assembly, is not a breach of the constitution or declaration of rights;" and in consequence of and under the said resolve, several members of the legislative body of this state (having previously resigned their seats in their respective houses, and agreed to act without any salary, fee or reward,) were elected, appointed, and commissioned to offices of profit, and act therein accordingly without any salary, fee or reward, before the times for which they were respectively elected to serve in the general assembly were expired; all which elections, appointments and commissions, are believed and held by many of the good people of this state to be repugnant to the constitution thereof; and doubts have arisen concerning the validity of the said elections, appointments and commissions, and the actings and proceedings in consequence thereof:

*Be it therefore enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the said resolve be and is hereby rescinded and made null and void, and that no member of the general assembly of this state shall hereafter be elected, appointed and commissioned, to hold and execute any office of profit within this state, until the time for which he was elected to serve in the general assembly of this state shall be expired, although he shall, previous to his being so elected, appointed or commissioned, resign his seat in the assembly, and agree to act in the said office without any salary, fee or reward, during the time for which he was elected to serve.

*And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That all acts, pleas, process, judgments and proceedings, either civil or criminal, or of what nature or kind soever, heretofore had, held, given, done and performed, or that may or shall hereafter be had, held, given, done and performed, until new commissions shall issue, or new elections or appointments be made, by any person whatsoever in consequence of, or by virtue of, such elections, appointments or commissions, so made and issued as aforesaid, shall be deemed, adjudged and taken, to be as good, valid and effectual in law, to all intents and purposes whatever, as if the said elections, appointments and commissions, had been legally and constitutionally made and issued.

*And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid,* That all and every person or persons who have acted under and by virtue of the said resolve, or who have acted or shall continue to act until new commissions shall issue, or new elections or appointments be made, under and by virtue of such elections, appointments and commissions, heretofore made and issued as aforesaid, and all and every person or persons whatever, who have acted or shall continue to act as aforesaid, under the authority, appointment, or order of the person or persons so elected, appointed or commissioned; are and shall be hereby discharged, saved harmless, and indemnified, of, from and against, all prosecutions, actions, suits, complaints, charges, or disturbances whatsoever, for or on account of his or their having acted under the said resolve, or for or on account of his or their having acted, or continuing to act as aforesaid, under and by virtue of the said elections, appointments or commissions, or under the authority, appointment, or order of the person or persons so elected, appointed and commissioned, any thing to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

The petition of Charles G. Griffith, praying an act may pass in his favour to convey certain lands mentioned therein, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, August 11, 1779.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording of a deed from Richard Jones, and Anne his wife, to Edward Willett of Prince-George's county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

The resolve encreasing the allowance of the members of the general assembly, was read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq;

The petition of sundry freeholders and free voters of Anne-Arundel county, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by William Hindman, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to enable ministers of the church of England, on taking the oath of fidelity and support to this state, to teach and preach the gospel, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Willam Paca, Esq;

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