

That a law be immediately enacted to prohibit the distilling of grain of any kind, to continue until the end of the next session of assembly; and as the exertions of this state alone will not have all the desired effects to prevent the evils arising from this pernicious practice, the conferees are of opinion, that letters to the several adjacent states be writt, under the authority of the general assembly, urging the necessity of similar measures being adopted by them.

That for the immediate supply of cloathing, blankets; shoes, and other necessaries for the use of the troops of this state in the army, the governor and council be requested to use their utmost endeavours to procure the same by purchase, and for that purpose be empowered to draw on the treasury of this state for such sums of money as may be necessary; and for the future supplies of cloathing and other necessaries for our quota of troops, and for the supply of salt for this state, that they be earnestly requested to exert their powers in the importation and purchasing of such articles on the best terms, by exporting the produce of this or any of the United States.

Signed by order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. con.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Upton Sheredine, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 11, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

AS we learn that our delegates now attending in congress are extremely desirous that a new appointment should be made, we are of opinion that it would be proper to go into an immediate choice, and therefore, if agreeable to your house, we propose to ballot for delegates to congress this afternoon.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to sell certain lands, to lay a further tax on property within the said city and its precincts, to regulate and license ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof, was read the second time, passed with the following amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

Amendments to the aforesaid bill. Strike out from the word "streets" in the eighth line of the first page to the word "in" in the ninth line of the said page. Strike out from the word "same" in the twelfth line of the first page to the word "that" in the thirteenth line of the said page. Strike out from the word "thereof" in the twentieth line of the first page to the word "that" in the twenty-first line of the the said page. In the tenth line of the second page strike out the word "such," and in the same line between the words "every" and "licence" insert the word "such." After the word "licence" in the same line strike out to the end of the paragraph. Strike out from the word "streets" in the twentieth line of the second page, to the end of the first enacting clause. Strike out from the word "proper" in the second line of the third page to the end of the second enacting clause. After the last clause in the bill insert the following clauses:

"And be it further enacted, That the monies arising from the sale of Temple and Dean streets, from the taxes laid, and from the fines imposed by the said corporation in virtue of this act, be, and they are hereby appropriated and applied, four fifths thereof to the building a market-house, repairing the streets, and cleansing the dock, within the said city, the remaining one fifth to and for the ordinary and accustomed uses of the said corporation and city. And the said corporation and their successors are hereby authorized and empowered to lay and apply the monies to be raised by virtue of this act to the several uses and purposes therein mentioned, in such manner, at such times, and in such proportions, as they may judge most for the benefit and advantage of the said city; and they are hereby required annually to lay before the general assembly, fair and distinct accounts of all the monies raised in virtue of this act, and of the expediture thereof.

"This act, so far as the same relates to the power given to the corporation of the city of Annapolis and their successors to regulate ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof, and to reserve and lay fines on licences granted by the mayor's court of the said city, and to the mayor's court to grant licences to ordinary keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and its precincts, under such regulations and rules as the said corporation and their successors may make; and so far also as the same relates to the powers given to the said corporation and their successors to lay a further tax not exceeding five shillings on every hundred pounds of property within the said city and the precincts thereof, to continue from and after the end of this present session of assembly for and during the term of five years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said five years."

The petition of sundry inhabitants of the society called Quakers was read and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

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