

A petition from sundry subscribers, on behalf of themselves and other freeholders and inhabitants of the upper part of Prince-George's county, which lies to the westward of the eastern branch of Patowmack river, praying the said part of Prince-George's county should be joined to Montgomery, being read, the same was referred till the next session of the general assembly.

A petition from John Allen-Hodgkin, of Prince-George's county, being read, ORDERED, That the same be referred till next session of assembly.

A representation from the justices of Anne-Arundel county court, setting forth that several of the constables of said county had neglected to return their lists of taxables, whereby they were prevented from assessing the usual county charges, was read, ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration on Wednesday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message;

By the S E N A T E, February 19, 1777.

Gentlemen;

WE cannot immediately concur in the joint recommendation of a general officer, proposed in your message of this day by Messieurs Ridgely and Bordley, because we conceive the recommendation would be premature at present, as the information which seems to have occasioned your message is very imperfect, and contained in a private letter written by one delegate only, addressed solely to your speaker, and solicits merely the sentiments of your house; were the letter less exceptionable in these respects, yet as it plainly refers to some intelligence not yet communicated even to your house, we think the recommendation of a general officer should be delayed till the intelligence comes regularly authenticated to the general assembly.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a remonstrance from the officers of the artillery company in Baltimore-Town, and a memorial from Thomas Jaram; severally endorsed; "By the senate, February 19, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Samuel Wilson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Charles Carroll, senior, Esq; signifying his resignation as one of the council to the governor of this state: which was read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house took into consideration that part of the report from the committee of elections which relates to Mr. John Mackall, and after the examination of several witnesses at the bar of the house, and some debates thereon, Mr. Mackall withdrew; and Mr. Speaker, by direction of the house, put the following question, That Mr. John Mackall, returned a delegate for Calvert county, not being a resident of that county at the time of the election, is not qualified to sit in this house? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Mackall be called in; and he appeared at the bar accordingly.

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker acquaint Mr. Mackall of the resolution of the house, and inform him that he is discharged from any further attendance as a member of this house: Which he did accordingly.

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

T H U R S D A Y, February 20, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Mackall, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Sprigg. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Burges appeared in the house.

The house took into consideration the arrangement of military officers reported by the committee of both houses, and, on motion, RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the final classing of second lieutenants and ensigns into particular battalions ought to be reserved for further consideration, until the field officers of the battalions can be consulted.

In progression on reading the said arrangement, the question was put, Whether this house will vacate any of the commissions granted to the officers by the commissioners? Carried in the negative.

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Messrs. Ewing,

Wright.

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