

person, who either picked the lock, or had a false key; was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a letter from captain Daniel Dorsey, requesting the general assembly to appoint Mr. Stephen Shelmerdine second lieutenant, and Mr. John Hamilton ensign, of his company, the house took the same into consideration, and RESOLVED, That the request of captain Dorsey be granted, and that a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them therewith.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Duckett deliver to the clerk of this house, all records, journals, books and papers, in his possession, which belonged to the late lower house of assembly.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to promote the recruiting service. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Smith, Mr. Chaille, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Ewing, Mr. Gilpin, and Mr. Craufurd, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Speaker laid before house a report from the council of safety, which was read in the words following:

In COUNCIL of SAFETY, ANNAPOLIS, February 28, 1777.

THE council of safety, in obedience to the request of the honourable the general assembly, have considered the case of such of the insurgents from Somerset and Worcester counties, as have been brought before them, and beg leave to report their opinion as followeth:

That doctor Andrew Francis Cheney and Jesse Gray, as also Daniel Melson from Suffex county, are notailable; that doctor John Odell Hart isailable; that Jesse Davis, lieutenant to Gray, Daniel Fookes, Boaz Walton, John Parsons, Samuel Williams, and Jonathan Fookes, are not particularly excepted out of the proclamation, and being inhabitants of this state, the council have formed no opinion of their beingailable or not, nor can they with precision, until the general assembly first determine, whether they are entitled to the benefit of the proclamation.

With regard to the reverend Mr. Bowie, the council of safety were equally divided in opinion on the point of bailment.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable the senate and delegates in assembly.

Per order,

DAN. of St. THO. JENIFER, president.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Lethbury, do prepare and bring in the same.

The memorial of captain Belain Posey was read a second time and referred to the consideration of the committee of claims.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Galloway appeared in the house.

Mr. Craufurd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a bill, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The council of safety laid before the house a letter, enclosing several depositions, from Mr. James Calhoun, chairman of the committee of observation for Baltimore county, purporting, that Mr. Charles Ridgely of said county, a member of this house, had uttered sentiments tending to disunite the people of this state in their opposition to Great-Britain: ORDERED, That the said letter and depositions be read, and they were read accordingly.

ORDERED, That this house will on Tuesday next take the same into consideration.

ORDERED, That the clerk issue all such summonses as may be applied for.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a draught of the commissions to be granted to the chancellor, judges and justices of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, judges, justices, and the other civil officers of this state; and Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. J. T. Chase, are appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Henry from the committee appointed to ascertain and determine the number of naval officers necessary for this state, and to describe and fix their several districts, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. T. Chase from the committee appointed to consider and report in what manner the judges of the court of appeals shall be constituted, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table. And

Mr. Gilpin from the committee appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts set forth in the memorials of the officers of the artillery companies of this state and report their opinion thereon, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.