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the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government; and Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Hall, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Veazey, and Mr. Edelen, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That a committee of grievances be appointed, and that the said committee have likewise the character of a committee for courts of justice, and that that character and the duty of such committee be annexed to the said committee of grievances as a standing part of their duty; and Mr. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Brice, Mr. Turner, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Forbes, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to examine and state the several claims on the treasury; and Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Forbes, Mr. Forman, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Contee, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

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

SATURDAY, November 1, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Thomas Tillard, a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat. Mr. Contee has leave of absence till Monday next.

A petition from John Wolf, praying an allowance for the carriage of public letters and papers from the city of Annapolis to Calvert county, was read and referred to the committee of claims.

A petition from sundry persons, inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester counties, confined in the gaol of Dorchester county, for being concerned in an insurrection against the state, was read and referred to the governor and the council. Sent by Mr. Sprigg.

ORDERED, That Mr. Purnell, Mr. Hall, Mr. Turner, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Fitzhugh, be a committee to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and report the best means for setting on foot manufactories, and promoting the trade and commerce of this state.

That Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Brice, be a committee to examine and report what laws will expire this session.

That Mr. Brice, Mr. Kent, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Contee, and Mr. Ford, be a committee to examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

Mr. J. T. Chase has leave of absence for a few days.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

MONDAY, November 3, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. J. T. Chase and Mr. Contee. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Thomas Semmes, a delegate returned for Charles county, Mr. William Winder, a delegate returned for Somerset county, Mr. John Henry, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, Mr. Stephen West, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, and Mr. Jacob Bond, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified they took their seats.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of St. Mary's county, praying that the warehouse erected by Mr. Joseph Fenwick may be established as a public warehouse, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Contee appeared in the house.

A letter from his excellency John Hancock, Esq; enclosing a resolution of congress of the 20th of October last, was laid before the house, read, and referred to the consideration of Mr. Samuel Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Maddux.

Mr. Barnes has leave of absence on account of the indisposition of his father.

His excellency the governor communicated to the house a letter from his excellency John Hancock, Esq; with several resolutions of congress of the 31st of July, and 16th and 17th of October last; also extracts of letters from his excellency general Washington, of the 13th and 21st of October; and a letter from the secretary of the board of war of the 18th of October last; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Veazey, from the committee of elections and privileges, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house of delegates, That by the certificate of the sheriff, it appears, that Messieurs Athanasius Ford, John Hatton Read, Richard Barnes, and Edmund Plowden, are duly returned delegates for St. Mary's county. That by the certificate of the sheriff, it appears, that Messieurs Peregrine Lethbrury, John Maxwell, Ezekiel