

F R I D A Y, November 28, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Turner, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Smoot, appeared in the house. Mr. William Strawbridge, a delegate returned for Somerset county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, he took his seat.

The petition of Jesse Gray was read a second time, and granted. Sent to the senate, together with the resolutions of yesterday, relating to the treasury, by Mr. Earle, and Mr. Strawbridge.

A petition from John Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, was laid before the house, and read, setting forth, That he had contracted with Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, in his life-time, for the purchase of a tract of land, called Chew's-Vineyard, and had paid 1116l. current money, in consideration therefor; that the said Samuel Dorsey, in his life time, gave bond for the conveyance of said land, and some time in the month of September last died without having executed a deed for the conveyance thereof, leaving a widow and two or three small children, who are infants under the age of 21 years; and therefore praying that a law may pass, directing the heir at law of the said Samuel Dorsey to execute a deed for the conveyance of the said land, and making the same valid in law. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Tillard, be a committee to enquire into the facts set forth in said petition.

Mr. Forbes has leave of absence. Mr. Benson appeared in the house.

Turbutt Wright, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the petition of Jesse Gray, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1777: Read and granted.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Sent to the governor by Mr. Purnell.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves sent up this day by Mr. Earle and Mr. Strawbridge, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1777: Read and assented to.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Communicated to the governor by Mr. Brice.

On motion, RESOLVED, That no new claims against the public be received after Friday next, and that the journal of accounts be closed on that day.

Mr. Somervill appeared in the house.

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, being read a second time, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Carried in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs
Ford,
Read,
R. Barnes,
Plowden,
Lethrbury,

Gresham,
Fitzhugh,
Turner,
Semmes,
M'Pherson,

Maddux,
Winder,
Ward,
Alexander,

Hyland,
Brice,
Gibson,
Kent,

Mitchell,
Young,
H. Wilson,
Douglass,

Smith,
Chafe,
Sprigg,
J. Barnes.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs
Maxwell,
J. Hall,
Hammond,
Worthington,
Tillard,

Somervill,
Strawbridge,
L. Wilson,
Smoot,
Henry,

Daffin,
Deye,
Stevenson,
Veazey,
West,

Magruder,
Contee,
Benson,
Goldborough,
Earle,

Purnell,
Edelen,
Sheredine,
Bond,

Smithson,
Burgess,
Williams,
Crabb.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 29, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Forbes and Mr. J. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, an act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

The message of the 25th instant, by George Plater, Esq; read and concurred with: So endorsed, and sent to the senate, by Mr. Winder and Mr. Brice.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and establish a divisional line between Anne-Arundel and Calvert counties, read a second time, and will pass. Sent to the senate by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Hammond. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Lethrbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the memorial of Robert Anderson, which being read and considered, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered