

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778. 71

Certificates of the qualification of Mr. Harwood and Mr. Callahan were produced and filed.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Tillard and Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

A certificate of the qualification of Mr. Golder was produced and filed.

The several letters and acts of congress, and letters from general Washington, &c, were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from George Dashiell, Esq; lieutenant of Somerset county, of the 12th instant, relative to the disaffection prevailing in said county; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, March 18, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gresham appeared in the house.

On a second reading the several letters and acts of congress, the letters from the board of war, and committee of congress, also the letters from general Washington, general Smallwood, and colonel Adams, ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Chase, Mr. Smith, Mr. West, Mr. Sherdine, Mr. Kent, Mr. Earle, and Mr. A. Hall, be a committee to take the same into consideration, and report their opinion thereon.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

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

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, March 19, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A petition from John Riddel, of Harford county, was laid before the house and read, setting forth, That in consequence of an accusation of felony, which had been made against him by two negro slaves, the property of Mrs Hannah Hall, he was committed to the public gaol, notwithstanding he offered bail for his appearance at trial when called on. That after a painful confinement, he was tried and acquitted of the crime wherewith he was charged. That after acquittal, the peace being craved against him, he was ordered to give security in the sum of two thousand pounds; that the sum was so great, that he could not obtain security, and he now remains in the custody of the sheriff. And therefore praying relief in the premises. ORDERED, That the same be referred to the committee of grievances.

A petition from George Ranken was laid before the house and read, setting forth, That, by order of the honourable council of safety, he was ordered to Upper-Marlborough in Prince-George's county, in February 1776, to take into charge the keeping of the records of the secretary's office deposited there; that he has suffered much by such removal, and has received little or no satisfaction for his services. And therefore praying the house to grant him relief.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Charles Ridgely, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

A letter from his excellency the governor, of this day, enclosing the resignation of the board of auditors, was laid before the house, and the said letter and resignation severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

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