

Mr. Lethbrury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lethbrury and Mr. Brice.

A petition from George Beall, jun. and Hezekiah Magruder, inspectors at George-Town warehouse in Montgomery county, praying an augmentation of their salary, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Contee appeared in the house.

On a second reading the petition from the inhabitants of Frederick and Montgomery counties, for the opening a public road, ORDERED, That Mr. Edelen, Mr. Young, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Burges, Mr. Williams, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Chase, be a committee to enquire whether due notice has been given at all public places through which such road is intended to pass, agreeably to a resolve of the lower house of assembly on the 19th day of April, 1774.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the service of the United States, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 21, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.
"By the senate, March 23, 1778: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."
Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Tillard, Mr. Chew, and Mr. West, appeared in the house.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That all the records of said county, to the year 1775, were taken the last campaign by a part of the British army, and are now either in their custody or actually destroyed by them. That disputes must arise, and heavy expences be incurred, as well as great vexation and disquiet accrue, to the inhabitants of said county, if not prevented by some adequate provision by the legislature.

The engrossed bill, No. 1. read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. R. Barnes and Mr. Plowden.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims audit all public accounts, until an auditor or board of auditors is appointed for that purpose. ORDERED, That Mr. Tillard and Mr. M'Pherson be added to the said committee.

ORDERED, That this house will, on Wednesday next, take into consideration the appointment of an auditor, or board of auditors, to audit and state the public accounts.

Samuel Wilson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, No. 1, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 23, 1778: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

George Plater and Matthew Tilghman, Esqrs. from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor is attending in the senate, ready to sign and seal the engrossed bill which has been assented to this session, and that the attendance of this house is requested there for that purpose. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, with the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the engrossed bill, entitled, An act for the service of the United States, to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto in the presence of the members of both houses. Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, March 24, 1778.

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

A petition from Mary Higginson, praying an allowance to be made her for the damages her late husband sustained by the erection of the fort in Annapolis, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Winder has leave of absence till to-morrow, Mr. Williams till Monday next.

The report on the petition of John Veazey, and Thomas Brocchus Veazey, representative of John Veazey, deceased, which was referred from the last session to this day, is postponed till Monday next.

A petition from Joshua Chilcut, of Caroline county, Mary Clayton, and William Carradine and Anne his wife, of Queen-Anne's county, on behalf of themselves and Elizabeth Williams of North-Carolina, respecting the grant of a tract of land called Partnership's Hazard, obtained in the