

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778. 85
 W E D N E S D A Y, April 1, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. H. Wilson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Somervill and Mr. Shepherd appeared in the house. Mr. Alexander has leave of absence for ten days.

Capt. David, according to the order of yesterday, appeared before the house, and it being moved, That the matter respecting the capture of the ship Lydia be referred to the committee of grievances, the question was put, and passed in the affirmative.

The house proceeded to the choice of an auditor-general, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot-box, and a committee appointed to strike, they retired, and after some time return and report, That John Hoskins Stone, Esq; was elected. ORDERED, That the resolutions of yesterday, ascertaining the duty and limiting the powers of the auditor-general, be fairly transcribed and delivered by the clerk, together with a copy of the above appointment, to colonel Stone; which was done.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the commissioners appointed to settle the navigation of and jurisdiction over that part of the bay of Chesapeake which lies within the limits of Virginia, and over the rivers Patowmack and Pocomoke, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 1, 1778: Read, and sent to the house of delegates.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."
 The said report was read, purporting, That, in consequence of a meeting proposed to the commissioners of Virginia by the president and speaker, at Alexandria, on Monday the 2d of February last, they had attended at that town on Tuesday the 3d of February, the weather preventing a more punctual attendance; that they waited there until the Friday following, without being met by the commissioners of Virginia, or hearing from them upon the subject; that, on the 16th of February, Mr. Jenifer, one of the commissioners, received a letter from George Mason, Esq; one of the commissioners of Virginia, which said letter informed, That the commissioners of Virginia had been prevented from attending at the time and place proposed, by reason of an unexpected delay of business in the assembly of Virginia, of which the commissioners were members; and proposed a meeting at Alexandria, on Wednesday the 8th of April then next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Samuel Wilson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from Henry Hollingsworth, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 1, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."
 Which said memorial was read, purporting, That in the year 1776, he entered into contract with the council of safety to make musket barrels at twenty shillings, and bayonets at eight shillings, for the use of the state; but that, from the extraordinary rise of the price of bar iron, steel, and wages, he was prevented from a strict compliance with his contract; and therefore praying, that a price may be allowed him adequate to his trouble and necessary expences in making the said musket barrels and bayonets.

On a second reading the petition of Mary Higginson, ORDERED, That Mr. Brice, Mr. Crabb, Mr. Schnebely, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Chase, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report the same, together with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A letter from his excellency the governor, of this day, was presented to the house and read, representing, That the boom at Baltimore was broken by the ice; that the governor and council imagining, from a letter received from major Smith, that the expence of repairing it would be inconsiderable, gave orders for amending it; but finding, by a subsequent letter, that it will be much more expensive, they request the advice of the legislature on the subject.

On a second reading the report of the committee appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session, leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the acts therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Maddux, and Mr. Brice, do prepare and bring in the same.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 1, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."
 The said petition was read, setting forth, that they were reduced to ruin and want by the British army and navy, in the course of the last campaign; and praying immediate relief.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.