

Mr. Hanson's election is entered as follows: "Daniel Jenifer, Esq; who stands next on the poll, objects to major Samuel Hanson's being returned a delegate for Charles county; first, because he is a field officer; and secondly, because he is precluded by the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and for preventing frauds in his majesty's customs." That by the return of the sheriff of Worcester county, it appears, that Messrs. William Holland and Thomas Purnell son of Thomas, are duly elected and returned delegates for said county, in the room of Messrs. Nehemiah Holland and William Holland. That the sheriff of Caroline county has made no return of an election of a member to serve in general assembly in the room of Mr. Henry Downes, resigned. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order, W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, June 12, 1778.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Smith appeared in the house. Robert Goldborough, jun. Esq; a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from his excellency the governor of yesterday, recommending the institution of hospitals for the reception of the children of soldiers who are in the service. Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Henry brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to aid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax, and for other purposes; and Mr. West brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of pilots; which were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker sundry petitions from certain inhabitants of this state, praying to be admitted to take the oath of fidelity and support to the state: A petition from Robert Reith, messenger to the governor and the council, praying an encrease of his salary: And a petition from Patrick M'Gill, of Anne-Arundel county, relative to his warehouses at Elkridge landing: severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 11, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

Mr. Reith's and Mr. M'Gill's petitions were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a message from his excellency the governor of yesterday, which was read, and follows in these words:

GENTLEMEN of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OUR constitution and form of government having wisely provided an easy but cautious method for making such alterations therein as might, on experience, be found necessary; and the present session affording a good opportunity, I request you to take the subject into consideration, and to lay the foundation for such amendments as you may think needful and most agreeable to the circumstances of the state.

June 11, 1778.

TH. JOHNSON.

Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Francis Holton, and Sarah Geist, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 12, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

Mr. Sheredine brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to prisoners and deserters from the British army and navy, which was read the first and second time, by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bruff and Mr. Hanson.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 12, 1778: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

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

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Williams appeared in the house.

The petition of Francis Holton and Sarah Geist was read, setting forth, That Samuel Geist, deceased, late husband to the petitioner Sarah, in his life-time, sold to the said Francis Holton six hundred and twenty-five acres of land, being part of a tract, called Solitude, being formerly in Baltimore county, but now in York county, in Pennsylvania, for the sum of one hundred and sixty pounds, current money, and gave his bond for making over said land, upon the payment of the said sum; that Samuel Geist, in his life-time, received seventy-eight pounds one shilling and six-pence, in part of the said sum of one hundred and sixty pounds, and that the remainder is still