

S A T U R D A Y, June 13, 1778.

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

On motion, That a member be added to the committee of claims, the question was put, That the said member be chosen by ballot? Determined in the negative.

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

Messrs.	Lethbury,	Worthington,	Deye,	West,	Contee,	Burgefs,
	Graham,	Tillard,	Stevenson,	Bowie,	H. Wilson,	Williams,
	Hammond,	Somervill,	Shepherd,	Magruder,	Sprigg,	Bayly.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ford,	Lloyd,	Hanson,	Murray,	Brice,	Mason,
	Read,	Chew,	Gibson,	Daffin,	Quynn,	Stainton,
	R. Barnes,	Semmes,	H. Goldsborough,	Veazey,	Edelen,	Smith,
	Plowden,	M'Pherson,	W. Goldsborough,	Ward,	Smithson,	Chafe.
	Maxwell,	Forbes,	R. Goldsborough,	Alexander,	Douglafs,	

Mr. Smith is added to the said committee.

Mr. Hammond has leave of absence till Monday next.

A petition from Benjamin Bradford Norris, of Harford county, was presented to the house and read, setting forth, That in the year 1773, he purchased of a certain James Whitacre, of said county, part of a tract of land, called Birr; that the said Whitacre gave bond to convey said land to the petitioner, upon payment of a certain sum of money; that the said Whitacre hath left this state, and appointed a certain Jacob Bond, jun. of said county, his attorney, to whom the petitioner has paid one half of the purchase money, and that he is ready to pay the remainder; and therefore praying an act may pass, empowering the attorney of the said Whitacre to convey the said land to the petitioner, upon his paying the remainder of the money due. ORDERED, That Mr. Forbes, Mr. Deye, Mr. Veazey, Mr. Smithson and Mr. Wilson, be a committee to enquire into the facts, and report the same, together with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, enclosing acts of congress of the 27th of May, for the establishment of the American army. Also an act of the 4th instant, recommending a suspension or repeal of acts of assembly for regulating prices: Also an act of the 6th instant, for extending the allowance of subsistence in lieu of extra rations to militia officers, &c. Also an act of the 8th instant, for laying a general embargo on certain articles of provision: Also an address from congress of the 10th instant, upon the subject of the foregoing acts. Which were severally read, and referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the several letters and acts of congress, &c.

Mr. Plowden has leave of absence till Monday next.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the petitions of nonjurors, brought in a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of pilots, was read a second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. R. Barnes and Mr. Stainton.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the holding the general court for the eastern shore at Chester-Town in Kent county, during the time therein mentioned; which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from major Henry Lee, of the 10th instant, on the subject of procuring horses for the light dragoon service; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Murray, Mr. Bayly, Mr. R. Barnes, and Mr. R. Goldsborough, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill, entitled, An act to aid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax, and for other purposes, was read the second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. West and Mr. Lloyd.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions sent up yesterday by Mr. Henry and Mr. R. Goldsborough, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 12, 1778: " Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

" By the senate, June 13, 1778, Read the second time, and assented to.

" By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Communicated to his excellency the governor and the council by Mr. Lloyd.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y,