

The bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Strawbridge and Mr. Stevenson.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, of the 20th instant, enclosing an act of congress of the 17th, for cutting off all correspondence between the enemy and the people of the United States; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Solomon Bird, of Somerset county, and a petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 22, 1778: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The petition of Solomon Bird was read, setting forth, That he was confined in Dorchester county gaol, on suspicion of his being an enemy to his country, during the time prescribed for taking the oath of fidelity and support to the state; that during his said confinement he took said oath, and imagined he had thereby complied with the law, but being still chargeable with the treble tax, prays to be admitted to take the same in the county where he resides, that he may thereby be relieved from the payment of the said treble tax.

The petition of Richard Gold, Samuel Coale, and thirty-nine other subscribers, inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to be admitted to take the oath of fidelity, &c. was also read.

A petition from Catherine Shipley, wife of George Shipley, and George Shipley, jun. and Talbot Shipley, sons of the said George Shipley, of Anne-Arundel county, being presented to the house and read, setting forth, That the said George Shipley, for many years past, has been deprived of his reason, and has not taken the oath of fidelity and support to the state, and therefore praying that he may be relieved from paying the treble tax, and the facts set forth appearing to be true, RESOLVED, That the said petition be granted.

ORDERED, That Mr. William Hopper, sheriff of Caroline county, attend at the bar of this house, on the third day of the next session of assembly, to shew cause why he did not duly make his return of the election of a delegate to represent said county, in the room of Mr. Henry Downes, who resigned. ORDERED, That the serjeant at arms serve the said William Hopper with a copy of the above order.

On motion, That a committee be appointed to draft a message to the senate, requesting them to disclose to this house the reasons which induced them to dissent to the bill, entitled, An act to declare the law, &c. the question was put, and passed in the affirmative.

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

Messrs	Ford,	Worthington,	R. Goldsborough,	Veazey,	Quynn,	Chafe,
	Read,	Chew,	Maddux,	Ward,	Edelen,	Sprigg,
	R. Barnes,	Forbes,	Strawbridge,	West,	Thomas,	J. Barnes,
	Powen,	Shepherd,	Smoot,	Magruder,	Young,	Burgefs,
	Lethbury,	Gibson,	Henry,	Contee,	Dickinson,	Williams,
	Maxwell,	H Goldsborough,	Murray,	Brice,	Smith,	Bayly.
Lloyd,	W Goldsborough,	Daffin,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Deye,	Stevenson,	Sheredine,	H. Wilson.	Bond,	Hughes.
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ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. West, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare the said message.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The petition of Solomon Bird was read and granted.

The petition of Richard Gold, Samuel Coale, &c. of Baltimore county, being read, and the question put on it, passed in the negative.

A petition from Samuel Dorsey, of Anne-Arundel county, being presented to the house and read, setting forth, That he had been prevented, by sickness, from taking the oath of fidelity, and praying to be admitted to take the same, was granted.

RESOLVED, That all petitions, memorials and applications presented to this house, on which no order has been made, be referred to the next session of assembly.

A memorial from Charles Worthington, of Frederick county, and Caleb Dorsey (son of Thomas Beale) of Anne-Arundel county, was presented to the house and read.

Mr. Nicholas Maccubbin, jun. a delegate returned for Anne-Arundel county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, he took his seat.

Mr.