

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Smith, Mr. John Hanson, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Smoot, and Mr. Sprigg, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Brice brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee have procured from the treasurer of the western shore a state of the treasury and loan-office, by which it appears, that a balance of about fifty-nine thousand pound remains in the treasury, and twenty-eight thousand three hundred and fifty pounds in the loan-office, the whole amounting to eighty-seven thousand three hundred and fifty pounds.

That fifty thousand dollars thereof are set apart by order of the governor and council towards complying with the first quarterly payment, according to the late requisition of congress, which will leave a balance of sixty-eight thousand six hundred pounds.

Your committee are informed that about twenty thousand pounds remain in the eastern shore treasury.

It also appears by the state aforesaid, that one hundred and fifty-five thousand three hundred and thirty-seven pounds eleven shillings and eight pence hath been received for loan office certificates, by the western shore treasurer. That certificates have also issued to the amount of eleven thousand three hundred and twenty pounds, agreeable to an act of assembly, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, &c. and that the annual interest arising on the certificates as above issued, is nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine pounds nine shillings and two-pence, which, with what may have been received on loan by the eastern shore treasurer, and what may be taken up by persons in the several counties appointed to receive money for state certificates, will, in the opinion of your committee, take a greater part of the taxes of this state than is consistent with prudence or good policy. And as there seems to be a sufficient sum in the treasury to answer any demand thereon that is likely soon to be made, your committee are of opinion, that the treasurers, and other persons appointed to receive for the state, ought to be directed not to receive on loan any further sums for the use of this state. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee, W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Brice, Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. Maddux, Mr. Bruff, Mr. Brown, Mr. Veazey, and Mr. W. M. Beall, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition of Robert Darnall, of Prince-George's county, was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the letter from congress respecting the confederacy, be taken into consideration by this house on Thursday the twelfth instant.

ORDERED, That the several acts of congress respecting an embargo, be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to prevent the spreading of seditious papers. ORDERED, That Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to prevent excessive gaming, and for other purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Gresham, Mr. Smith, Mr. Chew, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Wilson, do prepare and bring in the same.

ORDERED, That the papers respecting the cloathing of the army be referred to the committee of claims.

On reading a second time the petition of Robert Darnall, ORDERED, That Mr. Magruder, Mr. Bowie, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Eccleston, be a committee to enquire into the truth of the facts therein stated, and make report thereof to the house.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, November 4, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Peter Chaille and Mr. Outen Sturgis, two delegates returned for Worcester county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified, they took their seats. Mr. Worthington, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Polk, appeared in the house.

A petition of Cassandra Ducker was preferred and read, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition of William Gould, of Prince-George's county, was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house appoint Mr. John Callahan clerk assistant. ORDERED, That he be qualified.

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