

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

McL. Mackall,	Harrison,	Smoot,	Ward,	Brice,	Schnebely,
Lloyd;	Dent,	Deye,	Quynn,	Key,	Bayly.

The bill was then put to its passage, and carried in the affirmative.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 25, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bordley. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie, Mr. Cramphin, and Mr. Hughes, appeared in the house. Mr. James M. Comas, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

The petition of James Sterett, and others, of Baltimore county, was read a second time and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Stevenson, to enquire into the facts therein stated, and make report thereof to the house.

The report from the committee appointed to enquire what laws will expire with the close of this session, was read a second time.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for amending and declaring the law in the cases therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare and bring in the same.

Upon further reading the said report, on motion, leave given to bring in a bill for enlarging the powers of the governor and council. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. R. Goldsborough, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Maccubbin, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to prevent excessive gaming, &c. was sent to the senate by Mr. Chew and Mr. Cramphin.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from John Randall to his excellency, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bruff brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Robert Goldsborough brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Dorchester county court to appoint a constable for the town of Cambridge, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 26, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. Sherwood, who resigned his seat. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. C. Ridgely, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Crabb, Mr. Jackson, and Mr. Wilmer, appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That a new writ of election issue to the sheriff of Talbot county, to hold an election for the choice of a delegate to serve in the general assembly in the stead of Mr. Thomas Sherwood, who hath resigned his seat; which issued accordingly.

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Dorchester county court to appoint a constable for the town of Cambridge, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Wilmer.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the letter from his excellency the governor of the 19th instant.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house, that as his excellency the governor and council found they were not likely to pay the debt due from this state to Mr. Harrison by remittance in tobacco in a reasonable time, nor without very great loss to the public, they entirely approve of their having purchased bills of exchange on France for that purpose, at the rate of five, in dollars at seven shillings and six-pence each, for our sterling, and the more so, as Mr. Harrison, from a zeal to support the honour of this state, had brought himself into disagreeable circumstances.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that as from the best information they can get respecting the schooner General Smallwood, they find the said schooner is not likely to be of any real utility to this state, they are of opinion that it will be most conducive to the interest of this state to sell the said schooner, especially as an advantageous price may now be had for this vessel. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.
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