

ty, Dennis M^cFaddon, and Daniel Job, of Cæcil county; of George Magruder, William Bright, and Charles Hodges, of Prince-George's county; of Daniel Smith, Benjamin Sadler, John Smith, John Davis, John Pemberton, and James M^cGonigie, of Queen-Anne's county; of George Winter, &c. George Main, Valentine Summers, David Kibgart, Absalom Hedges, David Crawford, Balfer Simmons, and Edward Hodgkils, of Frederick county; of John Griffith, &c. William Enfor, &c. of Harford county; of Balthazar Golt, &c. George Robinett, &c. of Washington county; of Mark Scott, of Worcester county; of William Knott, of Montgomery county; and of John Barry, of Baltimore-town. The foregoing wanting proper certificates to ascertain the facts alleged in them, and some of them containing reasons which your committee are of opinion do not properly fall under their consideration, they therefore beg leave to refer them to the discussion of this house. All which is submitted to the consideration of this honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee, W. H. M^cPERSON, cl.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 3, 1778: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

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

Mr. Maddux brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to aid and amend the criminal laws of this state, and for other purposes; and a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of disabled officers, soldiers, marines and seamen; which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

F R I D A Y, December 4, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chew appeared in the house.

A petition of Jacob Reaser, of Frederick county, was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The report upon Richard Harrison's memorial was read the second time and concurred with; and thereupon the following resolutions were entered into, viz.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to confirm the sale of the sloop Molly, sold by Richard Harrison to a certain William Bingham in the West-Indies, and to withdraw any suit commenced by this state for the recovery of the said sloop.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to pay unto Mr. Richard Harrison the balance of his account due from this state, and to pay the same in gold or silver, or in such other manner as may fully reimburse the said Mr. Harrison.

The said resolves were sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. H. Ridgely.

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS.

YOUR committee in obedience to the directions of the honourable house, have considered the letters and other papers relative to supplying the officers in our quota of the continental army with cloaths, and forasmuch as their pay is very inadequate to the present exorbitant price of goods, your committee apprehend they cannot continue in the service without manifest injury to their private fortunes. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that proper and necessary cloathing ought to be provided, and our officers furnished with such as they may respectively want, at the rate such articles usually were sold at the time they entered the service; but as cloth of a suitable colour and a sufficient quantity, will be difficult if not impracticable for this state to procure, in lieu of which, your committee are of opinion that a sum of money ought to be paid to each officer, equal to the difference of the value of such goods at the time they entered the service, and the present high prices. Your committee have estimated the difference, and find, on a moderate calculation, it will exceed one hundred and fifty pounds, and are of opinion, that if that sum was paid to each officer annually, they would be enabled to continue in the service. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order, NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the report upon the nonjurors petitions have a second reading to-morrow morning.

The endorsements upon the bill for preventing excessive gaming, &c. were read with the amendments proposed by the senate, and the question was put, That the bill pass with the amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

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