

S A T U R D A Y, December 5, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. Ford. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Smith, Mr. Smoot, and Mr. Eccleston, have leave of absence. Mr. Mafon appeared in the house. Mr. C. Ridgely hath leave of absence until Tuesday next.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the report upon the non-jurors petitions, and not having time to go through the whole of them, referred the consideration of the remaining part thereof until Monday next.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 4, 1778: Read the second time by especial order, and passed with the amendments proposed.

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

In the last line of the first page, between the words "the" and "oath," insert the word "following." In the first line of the second page, strike out the words "prescribed by the act above recited," and insert the following: "You, A. B. do swear (or affirm) that you will diligently and carefully view and examine all tobacco brought to any public warehouse or warehouses, where you are appointed to be inspector, and all other tobacco you shall be called upon to view and inspect; and that you will not receive any tobacco, that is not, in your judgment, sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, nor receive, pass, or stamp, any tobacco, or hogshhead, cask or case of tobacco prohibited by law; and that you will receive, pass, and stamp, all tobacco, that is sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, and in all things well and faithfully discharge your duty in the office of an inspector, according to the best of your skill and judgment, and according to law." In the 11th line of the 3d page, strike out the words "the directions of the said recited act," and insert "law." In the 16th line of the 3d page, strike out the word "nine" and insert "eight." In the 11th line of the 5th page, between the words "which" and "money," insert "last mentioned sum of."

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain resolutions of convention, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 4, 1778: Read the second time and will not pass.

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

With the following message:

By the S E N A T E, December 5, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE consider the cause between Long's lessee against Pellett and others, in which there has been an appeal from the judgment of the provincial court, still depending, in virtue of a resolve by convention passed in July session, 1775, and an act of the general assembly, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, made in consequence of that resolve, and therefore cannot assent to the bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain resolutions of convention, and for other purposes therein mentioned. We are nevertheless desirous, from the peculiarity of the case, and the pressing application of the petitioner, that speedy justice may be done; and since particular circumstances of the state have hitherto prevented the appointment of judges of a court of appeals agreeable to our form of government, if such court cannot in your judgment be now conveniently constituted, we think a special court for the hearing and determining the above appeal, ought to be appointed by an act of the general assembly. Should this be agreeable to you, a bill for that purpose may immediately be prepared and sent you.

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

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial of Charles Alexander Warfield, of Anne-Arundel county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1778: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

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

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves of the 2d instant, respecting the fitting and manning two galleys, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1778: Read and assented to.

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

On motion, the question was put, That the petition of William Cloton, and others, which follows in these words:

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