

The two large rooms above stairs, viz. over those intended for the house of delegates and senate, and two smaller ones designed for jury-rooms, want a coat of paint. Four rooms for the public offices done, except whitewashing. The four rooms above the public offices not yet taken in hand: There are no steps to the public offices, which Mr. Wallace informed your committee he did not think himself obliged by his contract to provide.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Robert Goldborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act empowering the governor and council to order the general court for the western shore to be held at such place as they shall think safe and convenient during the present war, thus endorsed;

“ By the senate, July 28, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

“ By the senate, July 30, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That committee No. 6 do enquire and report what laws will expire with the close of this session.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for naturalization; ORDERED, That committee No. 1 do prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED, That this house will, on Tuesday next at the meeting of the house, take into their consideration the most effectual ways and means to appreciate the paper currency, and to prevent forestalling and engrossing.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY, July 31, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Ford, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. T. Mackall, and Mr. Reynolds. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chaille appeared in the house. Mr. Potter and Mr. Fischer have leave of absence. Mr. Chew and Mr. Gantt have leave of absence until Tuesday next.

The petition of Martha Roundel was read a second time and referred to committee No. 4.

A petition of Henry Hollingsworth was preferred and read and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of Joseph Blush and Aquila Johns, and a memorial of sundry civil officers of this state, were preferred and severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lethbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for naturalization, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the petition of William Wheterost, preferred to this house, have a second reading on this day week, at the meeting of the house, and that the parties have notice thereof.

The petition of Henry Hollingsworth was read the second time and rejected, for want of proper notice, agreeable to a resolve of this house.

It being represented to this house, that the laying out and maintaining a public road from the Head of Elk to Christiana bridge, and from the Head of Back-Creek to Hamburg, would be beneficial to the trade of this state, and of a great service to the United States, RESOLVED, That Joseph Gilpin, Samuel Glenn, and Hezekiah South, be appointed to view the said roads, and to return a plat thereof, with an estimate of the damage and expence of clearing and maintaining the said roads, as far as the boundary of this state, to this house the next session of assembly, on the fifth day of the session.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Cooper Dram of Anne-Arundel county, and a petition of William Waters of Prince-George's county, severally endorsed; “ By the senate, July 31, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of “ the house of delegates.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

Which being read was referred to committee No. 4.

A petition of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cramphin brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report, viz.

HOUSE of DELEGATES, July 31, 1779.

YOUR committee, to whom the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, and the counter petition of Mark Alexander of Baltimore-Town, were referred, beg leave to report, that upon enquiry into the facts stated in said petitions, find, that the petitioners are not prepared with proper vouchers to ascertain the said facts, and further, that the several facts stated in

said