

said petitions will involve questions of such magnitude and nature, that a committee of this house, during the setting of any one session, will not be competent to the investigation thereof, so as to do equal justice to the petitioners. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that a committee appointed in the recess of the assembly will be the most eligible mode by which justice can be done to all parties concerned. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order, JOHN CALLAHAN, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Mr. Lethbury delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Veazey delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Henry Hollingsworth, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of certain nonjurors; and ORDERED, That Messieurs S. Chase, Hall, Lethbury, Polk, Sprigg, Lloyd, and Beall, (who are appointed a committee for that purpose) do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. T. Chase has leave of absence until Monday week.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, August 2, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. Bowie, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Chew, Mr. T. Mackall, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. H. Ridgely, Mr. Potter, and Mr. Fischer. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Schnebely appeared in the house.

Samuel Wilton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency Governor Johnson to the president of the senate, enclosing a letter from Michael Hilligas and resolutions of congress, respecting proof sheets for preventing the counterfeiting continental money; which were read.

RESOLVED, That no private act shall pass this house upon any petition whatever, unless notice is given by the petitioner or petitioners in some gazette printed in this state for eight successive weeks, and by advertising at the court-house of the county where such petitioner or petitioners reside, at least eight weeks before the session of assembly to which application is made, that a petition is intended to be preferred, mentioning in such notice the substance of such petition, and evidence of the notice be produced upon hearing such petition.

ORDERED, That this resolve be published in the Maryland gazette, and continued four weeks successively.

On motion, ORDERED, That the hearing of the petition of William Whetcroft be postponed until Wednesday week.

The petition of John Taylor, sheriff of Harford county, was read a second time and referred to committee No. 4, who are to consider and report on the same.

The bill, entitled, An act for naturalization, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. S. Chase and Mr. J. Beall.

The 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, read the second time and will not pass; so endorsed and sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Bordley.

On motion, RESOLVED, That this house will, on Thursday morning next, take into consideration the confederacy, and the propriety of empowering the delegates of this state in congress to ratify the same on behalf of this state.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. W. M. Beall and Mr. Reynolds appeared in the house.

A letter from his Excellency to the president of the senate, enclosing a letter from Mr. Nathaniel Smith, was preferred and read, and referred to committee No. 4 to report thereon.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the Governor; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, &c. was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Chaille.

A petition of Sarah Burk and Benjamin Benny, of Talbot county, was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.