

there are a great number of nonjurors in Harford, and very obstinate, and the sheriff's collection thereby rendered tedious and difficult, we are of opinion, that in the present instance it might be proper in the legislature to relax the penalties incurred by the said John Taylor, in consequence of his non-compliance with the act to raise the supplies for the year 1778.

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

Signed by order committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petition.

ORDERED, That the order of the day for taking 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, be read, and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow morning at the meeting of the house.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

A petition of Thomas Gratton, commodore of the navy, was preferred and read and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of Edmund Brice was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Lethbrury, and Mr. Hall, to examine into the facts therein stated, and report the same to the house.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 3, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, August 5, 1779: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments proposed.

In the eleventh line of the first page, after the word "state," insert "by land or water." In the eighth line of the seventh page, after the word "states," insert the following clauses: "And the governor and council are hereby required to inform congress of such supplies as the said governor and council shall suffer to be exported on the application of the said minister or agent.

"And provided also, That it shall be lawful for the governor and council to give permission to such persons as reside in the adjacent states, and have landed property within this state, and raise produce thereon, to draw such supplies from their said farms and plantations as they may want for the subsistence of themselves and families, such persons previously making oath, that such supplies are wanted for such purposes, and not for sale."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which endorsements were read with the amendments, and the bill passed for engrossing.

Mr. Gantt appeared in the house.

ORDERED, That the petition of the inhabitants of Christ Church parish, in Calvert county, and the counter petition thereto, be referred to the fifth day of the next session of assembly.

On motion, ORDERED, That the depositions of witnesses on the petition of the vestry of Christ Church parish, in Calvert county, and the counter petition thereto, be taken before a justice of the peace of the county where the witness or witnesses may reside, on giving four days notice to the adverse party, and that the same be made use of as evidence on a hearing of the said petitions.

A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Taylor, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the two following reports:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts contained in the petition of Anna Maria Ringgold, of Kent county, widow and relict of Thomas Ringgold, deceased.

YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have enquired into the several facts contained in the petition above referred to them, and thereupon report, that the same are truly stated in substance, as may appear by the wills and other papers.

And your committee are of opinion, that the present depreciated state of the currency, the said sum of six hundred pounds is altogether insufficient to support the petitioner in the liberal manner she was intended to be provided for by her deceased husband and son. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl. com.

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