

The report upon the petitions of Elizabeth Aldern and others was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill No. 2 was read and assented to, and sent to the senate with the paper bill thereof by Mr. Ciabb and Mr. Cramphin.

The engrossed bills No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate with the paper bills thereof by Mr. John Hanton and Mr. Gannt.

The engrossed bill No. 8 was read and assented to, and sent to the senate with the paper bill thereof by Mr. Keynolds and Mr. Chew.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 4, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

"By the senate, August 7, 1779: Read the second time and will not pass.
"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate of deceased persons; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Taylor, Sheriff of Harford county, and Benjamin Cawood, collector of the assessment in Charles county, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Bond.

The resolve respecting James O'Hara's petition was sent to the senate by Mr. H. Goldborough and Mr. Schnebely.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolve, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 7, 1779: Read and assented to.
"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

A petition of James Murphy of Montgomery county was preferred and read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Robert Goldborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter of the 17th of July, 1779, from George Clinton, governor of New York, to the governor of Maryland, together with copies of the laws passed under their present government; which were ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the petition of Anna Maria Ringgold, and the petition of Samuel Galloway, Michael Earle, and William Hensley, and the reports thereon, be referred till the sixth day of the next session of assembly.

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Maccubbin and Mr. Sewell.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, severally endorsed; "By the senate, August 7, 1779: The engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.
"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met.

On reading a second time the letter from his Excellency of the 2d instant respecting the public records, RESOLVED, That the clerks of the general court and the late prerogative-office, and the registers of the court of chancery and land-office, be empowered and directed to provide proper and safe places in the country, for the reception of such of the records and papers belonging to their offices respectively, as are not necessary for the transaction of business in their several offices, and immediately remove such of them as may now be wanting for the dispatch of business in their several offices, and also such as may be necessary at the holding of the chancery or general court, to the city of Annapolis, and that the expences thereof be paid by the treasurer of the western shore on the order of the governor and the council.

Which resolve was sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Chaille.
Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Reuben Merriwether, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 7, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.
"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom the account of John Wolf, against Robert Reynolds, sergeant at arms, was referred, beg leave to report, That your committee have taken the same into their consideration, and are of opinion, that the charges for summoning the several persons therein mentioned are excessive. That the said summonses might have been served in four days, and that