

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Eleanor Gibson, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 11, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

On progression in reading a second time the bill against forestalling and engrossing, &c. the question was put, That the following clause be struck out, viz. "And, Whereas the wicked arts of speculators, forestallers, and engrossers, who infest every part of the country, and are indolently purchasing up grain and flour at the most exorbitant prices, render it impracticable to obtain timely and sufficient supplies for the operations of the army and navy, unless the most vigorous measures are without delay adopted: *Be it therefore enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace in any county of this state, and he is hereby authorized and required, on information being made on oath of any extraordinary quantity of grain or flour being purchased by or in the possession of any individual, inhabiting, residing or being, within this state, who may have engrossed the same, to issue his warrant, empowering the informer or informers to seize the same for the use of the United States; and such justice of the peace shall forthwith call to his assistance two other justices of the peace of the same county, who (if the seizure shall be approved of by them or a majority of them) shall retain the flour or grain so seized for the use of the said States, and shall, as soon as may be, transmit a certificate from under their hands of the quantity of grain or flour so seized, to the governor and council, who shall cause the substance of such certificate to be entered on their proceedings; and the said justices, or any two of them, shall have full power and authority to call on the sheriff of the county, or his deputy, to aid and assist them in carrying this act into effect, which said sheriff or deputy shall and is hereby required to aid and assist such justices accordingly?" Carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	J. Mackall,	H. Ridgely,	W Goldsborough,	C. Ridgely,	Sturgis,	Schnebely,
	Ford,	T. Mackall,	R. Goldsborough,	Bowie,	Chaille,	Smith,
	Sewell,	Harrison,	Veazey,	Gantt,	Norris,	Bayly,
	Greiham,	Bigges,	Ward,	J. Beall,	M'Comas,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Folk,	Job,	Quynn,	Keene,	Crabb,
	Hall,	Strawbridge,	Hammond,	Bordley,	Sprigg,	Burgefs.
	Maccubbin,	H. Goldsborough,	Stevenson,	J. Hanton,		

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs Lethrbury, S. Chase, Wilson, J. Chase.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of yesterday respecting the civil officers, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 13, 1779: "Read and assented to. "By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, thus endorsed; "By the senate, August 12, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial "order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The engrossing bill, &c. was read throughout, and the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. S. Chase and Mr. J. Hanson.

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

S A T U R D A Y, August 14, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bowie. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The letter of resignation from the auditor-general, which follows in these words;

S I R,

Annapolis, August 13, 1779, Friday morning.

I HAVE ever been of opinion, that he who devotes his time and attention to the service of the public, ought to be maintained at the public expence; but experience teaches me that I have thought wrong, and having sacrificed as much of my time and money to the honour of serving the state as I can conveniently spare, I now take the liberty to retire, and do hereby resign the office