

22 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

13th. That it is the opinion of the committee, that an additional tax of £. 50 be imposed on every ordinary licence granted in the years 1780 and 1781, and that an additional sum of £. 13 10 be imposed on every marriage licence granted in the year 1780 and 1781; that a tax of £. 7 10, in lieu of all taxes, be imposed on every free able bodied male person within this state above 21 years of age, not having a family, and whose property shall not be assessed to £. 40.

14th. That it is the opinion of the committee, that the sum apportioned and required of this state by congress is over and beyond its proper quota or proportion of the sum required to be raised by the United States.

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

Signed per order committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

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

Richard Barnes, 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, November 22, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, November 24; 1779: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the estates of deceased persons, was read the second time with amendments for which it had been committed, and will pass.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Jesse Moot, chairman of the committee of congress on the commissaries and quarter-masters departments, dated Philadelphia, November 9, 1779, directed to his excellency the governor of Maryland; and a letter from Joseph Reed, president of the board of war, dated Philadelphia, November 16, 1779, directed to his excellency Thomas Sim Lee, Esq; governor of the state of Maryland; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the order of the day for taking into consideration the petitions of Anna Maria Ringgold, and Samuel Galloway, Michael Earle, and William Hemsley, be referred until this day week.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 25, 1779.

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

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the estates of deceased persons, was sent to the senate by Mr. J. Hall and Mr. Chase.

The letters brought from the senate yesterday by Joseph Sim, Esq; were read the second time, and ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. J. Henry, and Mr. Lethr-bury, be a committee to consider and report thereon, and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The bill, entitled, An act to explain the several acts of assembly heretofore made relative to the enrollment of deeds, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Ringold.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax from the several counties of this state, and make their report thereon.

YOUR committee, in pursuance of the order and direction of the honourable house, have enquired into the returns of the commissioners of the tax, and find, that from the papers returned by the commissioners of St. Mary's county, for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due the state of £. 4,646 17, and that no return appears from said county for the year 1778. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Kent county, it doth not appear that any settlement was had with the collector of said county for the year 1777 or 1778. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of Anne-Arundel county for the year 1777, a balance appears to be due to the collector the sum of £. 433 4 0½, and that for the year 1778, a balance appears to be due to the state of £. 18,656 15. That from the papers returned by the commissioners of