

40 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to report on the facts set forth in the memorial of William Gibson, Clerk of Baltimore county.

OUR committee beg leave to report, that having duly examined and considered the same, together with a deposition of the said William Gibson, do find the facts set forth therein to be true; and are of opinion, that the said William Gibson ought to be relieved by an act of assembly agreeable to the prayer of the said memorial. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order,

GEORGE RANKEN, cl. com.

Which was read, and the question put, That the same be concurred with? It was carried in the negative, and the petition rejected.

The message of this morning from the senate by Upton Sheredine, Esq; was read the second time; whereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. John Hall, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. Lethbrury, and Mr. Sprigg, do prepare a message in answer thereto.

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, read the second time and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the reverend Thomas Brown, of Dorset county, and the reverend Joseph Messenger, of St. Mary's county, read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock,

M O N D A Y, December 13, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr. Craufurd and Mr. B. Hall. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

The house took into consideration the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to sell certain lands, to lay a further tax on property within the said city &c. which being read throughout, were agreed to, and the bill thereupon ordered to be engrossed.

The report from the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of purchasers, &c. read the second time; whereupon ORDERED, That a copy of the said report, with the papers referred to in the same, be made out and transmitted by the clerk of the house to the attorney-general, who is hereby directed to take the most effectual measures for prosecuting all such offenders mentioned in the said report.

Mr. Sprigg brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a message in answer to the message from the senate on Saturday last by Upton Sheredine, Esq;

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 13, 1779.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE are of opinion that the choice of delegates to represent this state in congress, at all times, but more especially at present, greatly concerns not only this but all the states in the union.

We think the election should be made when both houses are as full as can be expected. Several of our members have leave of absence, and may be expected in a few days. Our attention is closely employed in providing ways and means to procure supplies of provisions and other necessaries for our army, and in devising a mode to comply with the late requisition of congress for raising our quota of the continental tax.

We have resolved to seize and confiscate all British property within this state, and are preparing bills for those important purposes, as soon as this house has finished the interesting subjects now under deliberation, they will consider of proper persons to fill the important department of delegates to congress, and will inform your honours of the time they may judge convenient for that purpose.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and agreed to.

The bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. J. Hanson and Mr. Dashiell.

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; and,

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the reverend Thomas Brown, of Dorset county, and the reverend Joseph Messenger, of St. Mary's county, sent to the senate by Mr. J. Henry and Mr. E. Hall.

The bill, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, flour, rye, &c. read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hineman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, relative to a court house and prison; and a petition of sundry other inhabitants of Cecil county, relative to a free-school; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which were ordered to lie on the table.

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