

venty-seven; and that there be an appeal on the sum of twenty-five pounds or the value thereof as abovementioned, to be prosecuted in the same manner as appeals are directed to be prosecuted in said act; and no court shall hold plea of any debt or demand for money under the above sum of fifty pounds; and if suit be brought contrary to the intention of this act, the plaintiff shall be nonsuited and pay costs."

Whereupon the question was put, That the house agree to the said clause? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chase, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Reed, Jordan, Mackall, Wilmer, W. Stevenson,	J. Hall, H. Ridgely, Fitzhugh, Freeland,	Williams, Dashiell, Job, E. Hall,	Dent, S. Hanson, Banning, J. Henry,	Bruff, Ringgold, Keene, Beatty,	Cramphin, Stull, M <sup>c</sup> Comas, Archer.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Lethrbury, Worthington, Smith, Williamson,	Ward, Birkhead, Magruder, Craufurd,	B. Hall, Quynn, Chase,	Dennis, Stricker, Burgefs,	Bayly, Deye, M <sup>c</sup> Mechin,	Alexander, Barnes, Sprigg.

So it passed in the affirmative.

The bill was then put to its passage, and the yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Archer, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Reed, Jordan, Wilmer, W. Stevenson, J. Hall,	H. Ridgely, Freeland, Williams, Dashiell,	Ward, Job, E. Hall, Dent,	S. Hanson, Banning, Birkhead, Bruff,	J. Henry, Ringgold, Keene, Beatty,	Cramphin, Bayly, Stull, M <sup>c</sup> Comas.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Mackall, Lethrbury, Worthington, Fitzhugh,	Williamson, Smith, Craufurd, B. Hall,	Magruder, Quynn, Chase,	Dennis, Stricker, Burgefs,	Deye, M <sup>c</sup> Mechin, Alexander,	Barnes, Sprigg, Archer.

So it passed in the affirmative.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit for a limited time the exportation of wheat, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 15, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. J. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of prices, and other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gaunt hath leave of absence.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 16, 1779.

**T**HE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Gaunt. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Norris appeared in the house. Mr. Williams, Mr. Dashiell, and Mr. S. Hanson, have leave of absence. Mr. John Stevenson, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared, and after being duly qualified he took his seat in the house.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into and report the state and condition of the galleys and boats belonging to this state, and the number of officers, marines, and mariners, in the marine department, the number of cannon and small arms, and the quantity and condition of the military and naval stores belonging to this state, the monthly expence of the marine, the annual expence of the victualling office, the amount of provisions purchased by that office in the year last past, and the monthly issues from the said office, the expence of the public tan-yard, and the condition and benefit arising therefrom to the public, the annual expence of the fortification and artillery companies in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, the number of officers and privates now belonging to the said companies, the public stores