

M O N D A Y, December 20, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. E. Hall hath leave of absence. Mr. Worthington appeared in the house. Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorials of Thomas Brook Hodgkin, clerk of the general court on the western shore, Elie Vallette, keeper of the records of the late prerogative office, and William Hyde, register in chancery, beg leave to report, that the movements of the common enemy have made it repeatedly necessary to remove the papers of their respective offices to places of greater safety, which has been productive of much confusion and disorder; that the security of individuals, interested in the preservation of the said papers, as well as the dispatch of judicial proceedings, makes it necessary that the papers aforesaid should be methodically arranged; that great care, considerable time and attention, will necessarily be employed in the execution of this business, which being foreign to the duty of the petitioners, cannot be expected will be bestowed by them without a particular and satisfactory reward. That one thousand pounds to Mr. Hodgkin, seven hundred and fifty pounds to Mr. Vallette, seven hundred and fifty pounds to Mr. Hyde, will, in the opinion of your committee, be an adequate compensation for the trouble of arranging alphabetically and methodically the papers of their respective offices.

That the petitions of William Gibson, clerk of Baltimore county, and Walter Hanson, of Charles county, are answered by the encrease of officers fees, as far as is convenient and proper to do at this time.

Which was read.

Mr. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That fourteen pounds current money per day be allowed to each member of the general assembly, during his attendance this session of assembly, and fourteen pounds a day for itinerant charges, besides their expences for ferriages across the bay? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye appeared as follow:

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

Reed,	Wilmer,	Job,	Quynn,	Keene,	Cramphin,
Key,	Maccubbin,	Banning,	J. Henry,	Stricker,	M. Mechin,
Jordan,	Williamson,	Birkhead,	Bruff,	J. Hanson,	Barnes,
Mackall,	Smith,	B. Hall,	Ringgold,	Beatty,	M. Comas.
Gresham,	Winder,				

N E G A T I V E.

W. Steventon,	Fitzhugh,	Magruder,	Deye,	Alexander,	Stull,
Worthington,	Ward,	Burgess,	J. Stevenson,	Sprigg,	Archer.
H. Ridgely,	Craufurd,	Bayly,	Hammond,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Robert Troup, secretary to the board of treasury, directed to his excellency the governor of this state, enclosing an act of congress of the 7th of October last; which were read and referred to Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. Gresham, and Mr. Bruff, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That this house will make such provision to the governor, and the other civil officers of government, as will enable them to defray their reasonable and actual expences.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. J. Hanson, and Mr. Jordan, be a committee to report what provision to the several civil officers of this state will defray their reasonable and actual expences, and also to report what compensation ought to be made to the civil officers, agreeable to the resolve of the last assembly of the 12th of August.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

ORDERED, That the order of the day for a second reading the bill for the regulation of prices, &c. be further referred.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the seizure and confiscation of British property within this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

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