

The bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Harrison.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Robert Reith, doorkeeper to the governor and council, praying for an encrease of his salary, a petition of Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, praying to be reimbursed for a horse lost in the service, and petitions from sundry nonjurors, severally endorsed; "By the senate, March 31, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By order,

Which were read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, April 1, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gaunt has leave of absence until Friday next, Mr. B. Hall until Monday next, Mr. Bruff until this day fortnight, Mr. C. Ridgely until Wednesday next, Mr. E. Hall until Monday next, and Mr. H. Ridgely until Wednesday next.

The report from the committee appointed to enquire into the state and condition of the militia, &c. was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the militia. ORDERED, That Mr. Brown, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Isaac Henry, and Mr. Chafe, do prepare and bring in the same.

The report from the committee appointed to consider and report on the letter from the president of congress, enclosing resolutions of the 13th and 14th of January last, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to prisoners captured at sea. ORDERED, That Mr. John Henry, Mr. John Hall, Mr. Deye, Mr. Stricker, and Mr. Chafe, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to the subjects of the king of France, residing in or trading to this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Isaac Henry, Mr. M'Bryde, and Mr. John Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

A memorial of John Gift and Joseph Smith, captains in colonel Nathaniel Gift's regiment, praying that the officers and soldiers of their companies may be annexed to the Maryland line, or have the same immunities and privileges with the troops of that line, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of captain A. L. Smith.

Mr. Eccleston, from the committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax, &c. brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report.

THE committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax, to enquire into the conduct of the collectors, and whether the law passed last session for the assessment of property within this state has been carried into execution, beg leave to report, That it appears to them, the late law for the assessment of property has been carried into effect in several counties; in some the commissioners have qualified and proceeded to execute it after the time for so doing had expired; and in others the commissioners have never qualified at all, owing to the laws not being transmitted to them in due time, by means whereof great inconvenience has ensued to the public. That in the opinion of your committee, a law ought immediately to pass to aid the proceedings in those counties where the commissioners have proceeded to qualify and execute the said law after the time limited for so doing had expired, and that the commissioners in those counties who have not acted at all should be forthwith vested with new powers to qualify and execute the said law.

Signed per order,

GEO. RANKEN, cl. com.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to aid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax. ORDERED, That Mr. Job, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. Banning, Mr. Key, and Mr. Wilmer, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Ringgold has leave of absence until Wednesday next.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker letters from George Plater, Esq; in congress, of the 23d and 28th of March, enclosing a letter from the French minister of the 22d, and a copy of a letter from the governor and council of this state to William Smith, purchaser for the French agent; which were read.

A petition of Dr. Gustavus Brown, of St. Mary's county, praying permission to go from hence to England, either by the way of New-York, the West-Indies, or Holland, with leave to return again to this state, was preferred and read.

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