

S A T U R D A Y, April 8, 1780.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Samuel Hanson, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Wilmer. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Worthington brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to vest an estate of inheritance in fee simple of certain lands in Anne-Arundel county, in Basil Burges of the same county, and to enable him to sell or otherwise to dispose of the same; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk, agreeable to order, laid on the table a list of the gentlemen who had leave of absence until particular days.

**RESOLVED**, That if any member shall depart without leave of the house, or having leave of absence for a time shall not return agreeable thereto, the committee of claims shall not make any allowance for the preceding attendance of such member, unless by special order of the house, on such member making reasonable excuse for such departure or neglect to return as aforesaid; and that this be a standing rule of this house.

**RESOLVED**, That if any member shall, before the hour of adjournment, absent himself from the business of the house without leave, or shall not appear on a special call of the house, he shall be fined not exceeding thirty shillings for every such absence.

Whereas the general assembly are now engaged in business of the utmost importance to the welfare of the public, and many members being absent, **ORDERED**, That the clerk of the house lay on the table a list of all the members who have not attended during the session, or are absent without leave, or having obtained leave have not returned according to the time given them; and that the clerk write to all such members, letting them know that their attendance is immediately required.

Accounts against the state of commodore Thomas Graison, and Beriah Maybury, quartermaster to the hospital, &c. for back rations, were laid before the house and read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Maccubbin, and Mr. Isaac Henry, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Nathaniel Ramsey, lieutenant colonel; John Swan, captain of light dragoons; and Peregrine F. Fitzhugh, lieutenant of light dragoons; dated April 7, on behalf of themselves and others, officers of this state now in captivity; which was read and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Key, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Smoot, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon. **ORDERED**, That the committee confer with the officers on the subject matter of the said letter.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to suspend the act, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 5, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

" By the senate, April 8, 1780: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act to vest an estate of inheritance in fee simple of certain lands in Anne-Arundel county, in Basil Burges, &c. was read the second time by special order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Worthington and Mr. Harrison.

Thomas Stone, 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, April 4, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

" By the senate, April 8, 1780: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 12th line of the bill, entitled, An act to compel the attendance, &c. strike out from the word "senate," to the end of the clause. At the end of the bill insert the following clause, "This act to continue and be in force until the end of the next session of assembly."

Mr. Williamson has leave of absence on account of indisposition.

The house adjourns till Monday morning half past 8 o'clock.