

RESOLVED, That the widows of the surgeons and surgeons mates, who have died or may hereafter die in the service of this state, and during the present war, shall be entitled during their widowhood to the half of the pay which their husbands were respectively entitled to while in the service, the said half pay to commence at the death of the said officer.

RESOLVED, That the surgeons now in the quota of troops belonging to this state, shall have and receive within this state a similar quantity of land to that which the captains in the line are entitled to by the resolution of congress of the 16th of September, 1776; and that the surgeons mates shall receive a quantity similar to the lieutenants in the line; and that the same shall be exempted from taxation whilst they continue in the possession of such surgeon or surgeon's mate, and before any alienation thereof made, and not after.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

ARCH. GOLDER, cl. com.

Which was read.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the security of this state and the subjects thereof, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, April 15, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, April 17, 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 house adjourns till half past 2 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Jordan, Mr. Digges, and Mr. Freeland, appeared in the house.

The engrossed bill No. 8 was read and assented to, and with the paper bill thereof sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Digges.

The bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town in Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Earle and Mr. Ringgold.

A petition of Elie Williams, clerk of Washington county, praying the general assembly to make him some gratuity for past services, &c. was preferred and read.

The order of the day, that the house will go into a first reading of the bill for the inspection of tobacco, is further postponed till Thursday next.

ORDERED, That Mr. Jordan be added to the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the commissioners, &c.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from George Plater, Esq; dated Philadelphia, April 12, 1780, directed to the honourable the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates; which was read.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Queen's-town in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the senate, April 18, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, April 18, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 19, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Calvert county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and with the engrossed bill No. 10, which was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Freeland and Mr. Ringgold.

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

THE committee appointed to take into consideration the petitions of Robertson Stevens, Alexander Clagett, and William Gillifs, report, That the state of public affairs requires the most speedy collection and punctual payment of the assessment on property, and that relief to the petitioners would give countenance to dangerous delays, and afford aid and encouragement to a pernicious practice of employing public money to private emolument. Your committee are therefore