

Mrs. Ridley, and family, and their effects, from capture by any vessels of war, privateer, or letter of marque, belonging to the United States, or any of them, or to any subject of the United States, or any of them; and to require any vessel of war, privateer, or letter of marque, belonging to his Most Christian or Catholic Majesty, to permit Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Ridley and family, with their effects, to pass unmolested, was laid before the house and read.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying an act of assembly may pass, enabling the justices to assess on the inhabitants of said county a sum sufficient to repair the public gaol, was preferred and read.

The letter from Matthew Ridley was read the second time, and thereupon RESOLVED, That licence be granted to Mr. John Hunt to proceed to Great-Britain and to return to this state with Mrs. Ridley and family, by the way of New-York or otherways, and that the honourable congress be requested to grant their passport to protect Mr. Hunt, and Mrs. Ridley and family, and their effects, from capture by any vessel of war, privateer, or letter of marque, belonging to the United States, or any of them, or to any subject of any of the United States, and to require any vessel of war, privateer, or letter of marque, belonging to his Most Christian or Catholic Majesty, to permit Mr. Hunt, and Mrs. Ridley and family, and their effects, to pass unmolested.

The report on the surgeons letter was read the second time, and the resolutions therein reported agreed to.

A petition of James Jones Wilmer, of Kent county, praying to be relieved from the disabilities incurred by his not taking the oath of fidelity to this state within the time prescribed by law, was preferred and read the first and second time, and referred to Mr. J. Hall, Mr. C. Ridely, Mr. Burgess, and Mr. Eccleston, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom commodore Grafon's and Beriah Maybury's accounts for back rations were referred, beg leave to report, That a resolve passed July session, 1779, allowing commodore Grafon the same wages and allowances as are established by congress for a captain of a frigate in the continental service, and from the best information your committee can obtain, a captain of a continental frigate is allowed five rations and a quarter-master two rations per day. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that they should receive their back rations in species at the same rate. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, cl. com.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to abolish the quit-rents. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Lethbrury, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to supply the officers of this state, prisoners with the enemy, with provisions, &c. was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Stricker and Mr. H. Henry.

The bill to make valid a deed from George Conn to Josias Shaw, and the bill to make valid a deed from Mary Athey to John Webster, were severally read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. B. Hall and Mr. Magruder.

The bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Driver and Mr. Keene.

Mr. Deye brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destroying of wolves; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to supply the officers of this state, prisoners with the enemy, with provisions, &c. thus endorsed;

“ By the senate, April 20, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

“ By the senate, April 20, 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 half past 2 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. M^cComas appeared in the house.

The resolutions respecting the surgeons and surgeons mates, and the resolve permitting John Hunt to depart the state, were sent to the senate by Mr. Worthington and Mr. Kinggold.

Joseph Sim, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county courts, thus endorsed; “ By the senate, April 20, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

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