

Robert Riddle read the second time, and referred to Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. M'Meechen, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Wilmer, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

Mr. Ringgold has leave of absence till Tuesday next, and Mr. B. Hall till Monday morning.

The bill, entitled, An act to encourage the destroying of wolves, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. M'Meechen.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the petition of the reverend James Jones Wilmer.

YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have taken the said petition into their consideration, and thereupon report, that the petitioner, as they believe, hath taken the oath as alleged, and in the opinion of your committee the same indulgence ought to be extended to him that hath been granted to other clergymen of the Church of England. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed by order,

ARCH. GOLDBER, cl. com.

Which was read.

A petition of Justinian Bullock, setting forth, that he enlisted in the Maryland service in the year 1776, and was taken prisoner, and during his captivity was so inhumanly treated, that his legs got frost-bitten, by which he has been prevented from joining his regiment, though he has twice attempted it; that he is unable to procure his subsistence; that he has not received any pay or cloathing since December 1776, except 300 dollars; and therefore praying the general assembly to make him such allowance as will enable him to procure necessary food and raiment, and employ a surgeon; was preferred and read.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's parish was read the second time, and the question put, That the prayer of the said petition be granted? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bayly appeared as follow :

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

Messrs. Jordan,	Freeland,	Johns,	B. Hall,	Norris,	Chapline,
Worthington,	Harrison,	Birkhead,	Stricker,	Driver,	Burgess,
Fitzhugh,	Dent,	Ward,	Gaunt,	Keene,	Bayly.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Reed,	W. Stevenson,	J. Henry,	Magruder,	Earle,	M'Meechen,
Mackall,	Digges,	Eccleston,	Quynn,	Dennis,	Alexander,
Wilmer,	Winder,	Deye,	Chase,	M'Comas,	Sprigg.
Lethrbury,	If. Henry,	Job,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The engrossed bills No. 12, 13, 14, 15, were read and assented to, and with the paper bills thereof sent to the senate by Mr. Gaunt and Mr. M'Comas.

The report on the petition of the reverend James Jones Wilmer was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the said petition.

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. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to abolish for ever the payment of quit-rent; which was read the first time.

On a second reading of the said bill by especial order, the question was put, That the following words be added as an amendment to the preamble? "And whereas justice requires, that what is wrested from the common enemy by the blood and treasure of the state should be considered as common property." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. W. Stevenson appeared as follow :

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

Mess. Reed,	Digges,	Quynn,	Norris,	M'Meechen,	Bayly.
W. Stevenson,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Jordan,	Maccubbin,	Winder,	Deye,	Dennis,	Keene,
Mackall,	Fitzhugh,	If. Henry,	Ward,	Stricker,	Alexander,
Wilmer,	Williamson,	Johns,	Job,	Gaunt,	Sprigg,
Lethrbury,	Freeland,	Birkhead,	Magruder,	M'Comas,	Chapline,
Worthington,	Harrison,	J. Henry,	Chase,	Driver,	Burgess.
J. Hall,	Dent,	Eccleston,	Earle,		

So it was determined in the negative.