

THE committee to whom the remonstrance of Robert Riddle and a letter from the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts were referred, beg leave to report, That they have examined the facts therein contained, and find them justly stated, and that the said Robert Riddle gave a bond to Matthew Tilghman, Esq; then president of the convention, for £. 1000 public money advanced him, with a condition that the said Robert Riddle should carry on a linen manufactory and bleach-field, and repay the said £. 1000 either in money or linen, agreeable to a resolution of convention. That the said Robert Riddle erected a manufactory and bleach-field, and carried on the said business in a very extensive manner; and are of opinion, that the condition of the said bond was not for a specific performance, and the payment in linen as therein mentioned was intended as an indulgence to the manufacturer and not compulsive, and that a payment in current money agreeable to the bond will amount to a legal discharge thereof; and we are further of opinion, that this subject is properly determinable in the courts of law, and not by the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. CALLAHAN, cl. com.

Which was read.

Mr. Maccubbin brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for bringing into the treasury the sum of twenty million five hundred and forty thousand dollars; and sinking the same, according to the requisition of congress; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Harrison brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for securing the title of the proprietors of lots and houses in Charles-town in Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of John Burgess, late collector of the tax for Anne-Arundel county, setting forth, That since the settlement of his account with the commissioners, it appears that he has not had full credit, owing to errors in the assessors lists, and praying that the commissioners may be empowered to make him such further allowances as shall appear to them just, and also to be relieved from the penalty incurred by not paying the assessment into the treasury within the time limited, which he was prevented from doing by the severity of the season; was preferred and read.

A petition of Henry Stevenson, sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the payment of interest on the public assessment, which he was prevented from collecting and paying into the treasury within the time prescribed, by the uncommon severity of the weather, and also for some further allowance for the support of prisoners; was preferred and read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, April 29, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chapline and Mr. Bayly. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ringgold appeared in the house. Mr. Dent has leave of absence.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Elihu Hall, a delegate for Cæcil county, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of said county, for the election of a delegate in the room of Mr. Hall; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the 20th of June next.

Mr. Fitzhugh brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the stores and necessaries heretofore granted to the officers of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The petition of John Burgess was read the second time, and referred to Mr. J. Hall, Mr. H. Ridgely, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Maccubbin, and Mr. Quynn, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

The petition of James Morfell, jun. was read the second time and granted.

The petition of William Wright was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Earle, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Gaunt, and Mr. Ringgold, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

The petition of John Bond was read the second time and rejected.

The petition of William Dawson was read the second time, and referred to the committee appointed on William Wright's petition.

The report from the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the commissioners for the supply of flour, &c. was read the second time and concurred with.

The report from the committee appointed on the petition of Eleanor Lansdale was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Sprigg appeared as follow:

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