

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1780. 141

The engrossed bill No. 20 was read and assented to, and with the paper bill thereof sent to the senate by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Job.

ORDERED, That Mr. H. Ridgely and Mr. Burges be added to the committee appointed to bring in a bill against engrossing, forestalling, &c.

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

T U E S D A Y, May 2, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Burges has leave of absence.

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the stores and necessaries heretofore granted to the officers of this state, was read the second time and passed, and with the bill above mentioned sent to the senate by Mr. Smith and Mr. Johns.

Mr. Fitzhugh brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent gaming within the city of Annapolis and limits thereof, during the sitting and continuance of any session of the general assembly or the general court; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the letter and proposals of Mr. Savaret was read the second time and referred to the governor and council.

The bill relating to fines, forfeitures, and penalties, and to establish the allowance to witnesses, &c. was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Beatty and Mr. J. Stevenson.

RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to consider and report the most speedy and effectual measures to put this state into the best posture of defence, and that Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Earle, Mr. W. Stevenson, and Mr. Birkhead, be a committee for that purpose.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill relating to the stores and necessaries heretofore allowed to the officers of this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 2, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, May 2, 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.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 2, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a report from the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts; which was read.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report upon the petition of John Burges, late collector of Anne-Arundel county.

YOUR committee, in obedience to the order of the honourable house, have taken the said petition into their consideration, and thereupon report as followeth, viz. That it appears to them, by an account laid before them by the said John Burges, that he hath a right to sundry allowances, which he had good reason to expect would have been made him by the late commissioners of the tax, but their power being expired he had no opportunity of having those allowances made, and therefore your committee are of opinion he ought now to have an opportunity to lay his account before the present commissioners of the tax, that the same may be adjusted and settled, and proper allowances made; and with respect to the fifteen per cent. your committee have enquired into the payments made by the said John Burges to the treasurer, and find that the extent of his county and other circumstances considered, he hath made his payments as regular as most other collectors, and are of opinion, that if indulgence be given to other collectors who