

8 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the adjournment and continuance of several of the county courts within this state, endorsed; "By the senate, November 2, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED, That Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Craufurd, and Mr. Chase, be a committee to consider and report a probable and speedy mode to procure a quantity of salt for the public use, and to supply the citizens of this state who may want that article; and that the said committee request the governor and council to inform them what measures have been adopted to import military and other stores, cloathing, or salt, in virtue of the act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, passed last November session, and the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary, passed last June session; and further, that the said committee be directed to enquire what bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act for the payment of the public claims, for emitting bills of credit, and for other purposes therein mentioned, were brought into the treasury, and what the trustees appointed to sell the bank stock have done in virtue of their authority.

That Mr. Chase, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Lloyd, be a committee to devise a proper and effectual mode to defend our rivers and bay, and the vicinity of the capes, from the enemy's barges and cruisers, and to consider a plan to protect the trade of the state, in conjunction with our sister state of Virginia.

Mr. Dashiell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to consider and report on a letter from Mr. U. Scott to his Excellency the governor, beg leave to report to this honourable house, that your committee find, by a resolve of convention, the committees of observation of the several counties of this state were empowered to grant passports to such non associators as should chuse to quit this province, and to go beyond sea, to leave this country in peace, &c. Your committee further report, that Mr. Upton Scott applied to the committee for Anne-Arundel county, and obtained a passport to leave this state, and in consequence thereof did depart. Your committee further report, that they have not been able to find any resolve of convention, or law of this state, prohibiting the return of such persons as have left the state. Your committee further beg leave to report to the house as their opinion, that the governor be requested to comply with the requisition of the said Upton Scott, so far as extends to his obtaining from the governor of the Jerseys a passport from New-York to this state, for his person, cloathing, and medicines. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. LYON, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, November 3, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Key. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Robert Wright, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, and Mr. Benjamin B. Norris and Mr. John Taylor, two delegates returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took their seats in the house.

A letter of excuse from Mr. William Whitely, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, was laid before the house and read.

A petition from Jonathan Booth, of Cecil county, praying an act may pass for the recording and making valid a deed from John Starkey to Joshua Donoho, for a tract of land called Worth-little, was preferred and read.

On motion, the question was put, That his Excellency the governor be requested to write to the governor of the Jerseys, to obtain a passport for Mr. Upton Scott to pass from New-York to this state, and to bring with him his cloathing and medicines? Resolved in the affirmative.

The petition of sundry inhabitants in Worcester county, relative to a causeway, was read the second time and withdrawn.

The petition of Robert Armstrong, was read the second time and withdrawn.

The petition of John, Zebulon, and Samuel Johnson, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Job, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Kent, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Houston, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Wright, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Deye, Mr. Job, and Mr. L. Mackall, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions of nonjurors.

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