

The house proceeded to the choice of delegates to congress, and the ballot box being prepared, the ballots were deposited therein, and the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Thomas Johnson, John Hanson, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, were elected. Whereupon **RESOLVED**, That Thomas Johnson, John Hanson, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquires, be and are hereby declared to be delegates to represent this state in congress for the ensuing year.

Mr. Wright has leave of absence.

ORDERED, That Mr. Brogden be added to the committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax from the several counties, &c.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 18, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Martin, Mr. F. Gaunt, and Mr. Wright.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the president of congress, of the 9th instant, enclosing acts of congress of the 4th; and a petition of John Galloway, acting executor of Thomas Ringgold, late of Kent county, setting forth, that the said Thomas Ringgold died possessed of a tract of land in Washington county, called Conococheague manor, the greatest part of which was leased out for lives and years, notwithstanding which the same has been assessed to the estate for the full value, and an assessment laid on the tenants, without any allowance or deduction to the landlords on account of the said leases, and praying that the legislature would interfere, and settle some rule of apportionment by an act for that purpose, and to compel the tenants to pay what shall be deemed just and equitable, endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the sheriff of Somerset county attend at the bar of this house, on Monday the 27th instant, to answer for his neglect, in not making his return to the chancellor of the delegates elected for his county at the last annual election.

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

By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to enquire and report the quantity of salt meat, wheat, flour, and bread, furnished in pursuance of the act to procure a supply of provisions of the bread kind, passed last June session, as well as to enquire into the conduct of the commissaries or others appointed to procure those articles; and also to enquire the sum of money or quantities of tobacco borrowed in virtue of the act to procure a loan, passed last June session.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to the honourable house, that upon examining such of the returns as have come to hand from the several commissaries of the different counties of this state, do find the following quantities procured, viz. 12,212 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushels of wheat, 1094 barrels of flour, 20,976 lb of bacon, 80 barrels and one pound of pork, 3 barrels of beef, and 63 lb dried ditto, 58 barrels of herring and 3 barrels of shad, as by recourse to the list of returns from the commissaries marked No. 1, will appear; that there appears to be no returns from the commissaries of Somerset, Queen-Anne's, Caroline, and Washington counties; and it is the opinion of your committee, that the several commissaries who have made their returns, have acquitted themselves with integrity and fidelity, allowances being made for the difficulties and disadvantages under which they acted for the want of ready money.

Your committee further beg leave to report, that they have enquired into the sums of money and quantities of tobacco borrowed in virtue of an act to procure a loan, passed last June session, find the quantity of 188 hogsheads of tobacco, £. 159,185 0 7 in bills of credit, and the sum of £. 20 in specie, have been paid into the treasury office of the western shore; and that there is the quantity of 19 hogsheads of tobacco, and £. 3417 10 in bills of credit, and £. 11 5 in specie, subscribed and not yet paid in, as per recourse to the papers No. 2 and 3 will appear. And it further appears to your committee, that there hath been no returns of monies or tobacco borrowed from Worcester, Somerset, Queen-Anne's, Kent, Cæcil, Baltimore, Anne-Arundel, and Harford counties.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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