

Chairman reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into consideration the subject matter referred to them, but not having had time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again. **RESOLVED**, That this house will, on to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

RESOLVED, That this house will sit, for the dispatch of business, from half after nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and from half after three till six.

Mr. Samuel Hanson, a delegate returned for Charles county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

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

T U E S D A Y, November 28, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A letter of excuse from Mr. Alexander Howard Magruder, for departing the house without leave on account of the indisposition of his family, was laid before the house, read, and accepted.

The house being informed, that the sheriff of Somerset county was attending, in consequence of an order of Saturday the 18th instant, **ORDERED**, That he be called in; and he appeared at the bar accordingly, and made his return of election, and informed the house, that he had before made a return, but that the same had, by some means, miscarried. **ORDERED**, That he be informed by Mr. Speaker, that he is discharged, and that he pay one fourth part of the expence of serving the order; which Mr. Speaker accordingly did.

According to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole; Mr. W. Stevenson in the chair. After some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Chairman reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the subject matter to them referred, and had agreed to sundry amendments, which they directed him to report; which he accordingly did report, and which were read.

The resolve in favour of colonel Rawlings; the resolve respecting certificates; and the resolves respecting the granting commissions to private vessels of war, and clearing out letters of marque and reprisals; were sent to the senate by Mr. Clagett and Mr. Hanson.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolutions, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1780: Read and assented to.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk."
ORDERED, That a copy of the resolve respecting the payment of certificates, be transmitted by the clerk of the house to the treasurers of the eastern and western shores, and be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore news papers.

Mr. Taylor appeared in the house.
William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Benedict Calvert, a nonjuror, in Prince-George's county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 28, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.
" By order, J. MACCUBBIN clk."

Which was read.
The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Plowden and Mr. Whitely.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 28, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,
THIS house, from an earnest desire of dispatching the public business at this advanced season of the year, have altered their hours of sitting, and agreed to sit from half after nine o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, and from half after three till six.

By order, F. GREEN, clk.
ORDERED, That the order of the day, for taking into consideration the report from the committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax, be referred until Thursday next.

The bill to empower the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax, &c. was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Morris.

The report on the petition of John, Zebulon, and Samuel Johnson, was read the second time and concurred with, and the petition rejected.

The petition of Robert Armstrong was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Wright, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Plowden, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

RESOLVED, That no public bond due to the loan-office shall be paid off during the present session of assembly, unless in the new bills of credit, at the rate of £. 166 13 4 in the said new bills for every hundred pounds sterling, and at the same rate for every greater or lesser sum.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Kent and Mr. Duckett.
The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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