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the old government and the resolves of convention, be immediately printed, and three copies delivered to each of the members of the general assembly, and two copies sent to every commissioner of the tax in the several counties; and that the said bill be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers; and that abstracts be made of such parts of the said bill as ought to be immediately known, and one thousand copies thereof published, and sent as soon as may be to each county, directed to the sheriffs, to be delivered to the justices of their county and the assessors, to be distributed among the people.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from George Plater, Esq; dated Philadelphia, December 5, enclosing a copy of an act of the general assembly of Connecticut relative to the back lands; and counter petitions of Reuben Merriwether, Nathan Harris, and John Scrivener, to the petition of Ephraim Howard; and petitions of St. Stephen's and St. Augustine's parishes in Cæcil county, praying that an act may pass agreeably to the 33d section of the declaration of rights, for the support of public religion, by an equal assessment, and to enable the vestries of said parishes, by rates on the pews or otherwise, to repair the churches and church-yards, &c. severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1780: " Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN clk."

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the petition of Ephraim Howard, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, relative thereto, together with the counter petitions of Reuben Merriwether, John Scrivener, and Nathan Harris, be referred for consideration to the 12th day of the next session of assembly, and that the parties be heard.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to enable the trustees for the poor of Frederick county to rent out the poor-house, and apply the rent towards the support of the poor of that county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1780: Read the first " and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to enable the sheriffs of this state to take bail bonds in certain cases, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wright and Mr. Shaw.

The engrossed bill No. 5, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen and Mr. W. Stevenson.

The bill for the appointment of visitors for Queen-Anne's county free-school, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Earle and Mr. Driver.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An additional Supplement to the act for the better security of the government. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Chase, Mr. Caufin, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Kent, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Potts, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill No. 2, endorsed; "By the senate, November 8, 1780: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and " assented to.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

The paper bills No. 3 and 4, severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1780: " The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

And the paper bill No. 5, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1780: The engrossed " bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bill No. 6, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Wilmer and Mr. Clagett.

A letter of excuse from Mr. Benson Stainton, a delegate returned for Caroline county, was laid before the house and read.

ORDERED, That the account of colonel Stympton, purchaser of horses in Montgomery county, be referred for settlement to the committee appointed to enquire and report the number of horses purchased, &c.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill No. 6, endorsed; "By the senate, December 14, 1780: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original " read and assented to.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Matthew Tilghman and Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esqrs. from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor was attending in the senate, ready to sign and seal the engrossed bills.

Mr. Speaker