

years, and a similar scale of apportionment applied as in the case stated. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. LYON, clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Johnson, Mr. Key, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Wright, be a committee to report what provision ought to be made to the several civil officers of this state for the ensuing year.

The bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army, was read with the amendments and passed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the further adjournment of Saint Mary's and Prince-George's county courts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Key and Mr. Caufin.

The Supplement to the act for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army, was sent to the senate by Mr. Mills and Mr. Freeland.

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

## SATURDAY, December 16, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Clagett. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Jackson have leave of absence.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for emitting small bills of credit, to the value of nine thousand pounds, for the convenience of change, and issuing them in exchange for bills of equal value now in circulation. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Chamberlaine, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Gaunt, and Mr. Job, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A memorial from Russell and Gillmore, Russell and Ryon, and Hughes and Williamson, merchants of Baltimore, setting forth, that last spring they lent a considerable sum of money and sold goods to the state on three weeks credit; that they have been lately paid in new bills, and praying to be allowed for the difference of exchange between the time of the loan and sale and the day of payment, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry persons inhabitants of Harford county, praying an act may pass, empowering the inhabitants of said county to ascertain, by a majority of votes, the place where the public buildings shall be erected, was preferred and read, and referred for consideration to the fifth day of the next session of assembly.

The engrossed bill No. 7, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Magruder.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to report the salaries that ought to be given to the civil officers for the year 1781.

YOUR committee, taking into consideration the state of our finances, together with the spirit of our constitution, which directs that salaries shall be liberal though not profuse, are of opinion, that the following salaries, which we think moderate, ought to be allowed to the respective officers to which they are annexed:

To the governor,	1700	Assistant to ditto,	200
Five council, at 450 each,	2250	Messenger to ditto,	125
Chancellor,	750	Commissary of stores,	250
Two judges general court, 600 each,	1200	Register of the land-office western shore,	75
Five judges court of appeals, 300 each,	1500	Clerks of the two house, each 100,	200
Judge of the court of admiralty,	300	General assembly, jurymen to the general court, and other incidental expences to said court and assembly,	} 7500
Treasurer of the western shore,	500	Delegates to congress, at £. 3 per day,	
Deputy ditto,	200	Clerk of the court of appeals,	30
Clerk ditto,	150		
Treasurer of the eastern shore,	300		
Auditor-general,	450		
Deputy auditor,	150		
Secretary to the governor and council,	300		
			£. 21220

We are also of opinion, that the officers to whom fees are given by our fee-bills, should be paid the fees given by said bills in tobacco, at such prices as this general assembly shall allow, subject