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subject to such alterations as may be just, from the state of our money, by the courts of justice, or the commissioners of the tax, giving the people the alternative of paying money or tobacco.

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

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from George Gray, of Calvert county, a nonjuror, was preferred and read.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to extend the time and to enforce the collection of the taxes in several counties within this state, &c. endorsed;

“ By the senate, December 15, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

“ By the senate, December 16, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

The bill for the relief of those who have and may suffer by the British army, endorsed; “ By the senate, December 16, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill No. 8, with the paper bill thereof.

Also an address of sundry persons, inhabitants of Prince-George's county, in favour of the reverend Henry Addison, his returning to this state; and a petition from sundry persons, inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying that an act may pass, establishing a road, which has been opened in the upper part of Anne-Arundel county, leading out of the Elk-Ridge Landing road above Elie Dorsey's plantation, &c. severally endorsed; “ By the senate, December 16, 1780: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the petition from the inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county be referred for consideration to the next session of assembly.

The bill to prevent frauds and abuses in the collection of the public taxes, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Maccubbin.

The engrossed bill No. 8, was read and assented to, the paper bill so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Earle and Mr. Dennis.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock: ✕

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

The house met. Mr. Daniell appeared in the house.

Mr. Hall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, endorsed; “ By the senate, December 15, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

“ By the senate, December 16, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

“ By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Amendment proposed. In the 4th line from the top of the 2d page, strike out from the word “ force” to the end of the clause, and insert, “ until the end of the next session of assembly.”

Which amendment was read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

And a letter from general Gist, dated Annapolis December 16, relative to the recommendation of congress to the different states, to make good the depreciation of money to the officers and soldiers, &c. enclosing a scale of depreciation reported by a committee to the general assembly of Pennsylvania; which was read, and referred to Mr. Hall, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Chase, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. W. Stevenson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Mertitt, late collector of the assessment in Kent county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An explanatory act to the acts therein mentioned, was read the second time and committed for amendments.

The house adjourns till Monday morning half after 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 18, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Jackson, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Hall. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Bayly and Mr. Hammond appeared in the house.

Mr. Potts,