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And, the bill to repeal part of the act for amending and declaring the law in the cases therein mentioned, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, November 30, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.  
"By the senate, December 30, 1780: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk."  
Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to procure recruits; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

M O N D A Y, . January 1, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Taylor and Mr. Norris.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, January 2, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Brogden. Mr. Taylor appeared in the house.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Norris appeared in the house. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 3, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; containing a resignation of his appointment as a delegate to congress; a petition from sundry persons inhabitants of St. Margaret's Westminster parish in Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass to compel the inhabitants of said parish to pay a sum of money for the support of a minister of the gospel; a petition from the vestry, churchwardens, and other inhabitants of St. Paul's parish, in Prince-George's county, setting forth, that for themselves, and on behalf of many persons of the same sentiments, willing and desirous to promote the christian religion, virtue and learning, in the said parish, and having now an opportunity of agreeing with a well qualified protestant clergyman, find themselves incapable of carrying their pious intentions into effect without the assistance of the legislature; and, whereas by the 33d section of the declaration of rights, "the legislature may, in their discretion, lay a general and equal tax for the support of the christian religion, leaving to each individual the power of appointing the payment over of the money collected from him to the support of any particular place of worship or minister," and praying that the general assembly would take the premises into their consideration, and grant such relief as may tend to promote the christian religion, agreeable to the constitution and form of government, and that all those who make no appointment over, may be directed to pay the same to the collector of the public or county assessment, who shall account with the vestry and churchwardens for the same, for the use of such minister as may, from time to time, be employed by them, and also for the repairs of the church, and other parish charges; a petition from Conrad Theodore Wèderstrandt, praying to be allowed a commission on wheat and flour purchased by him, and afterwards seized by commissioners under an act of assembly; and a petition from Preston Godwin, a nonjuror, praying relief; severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 3, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

Which were read.

The engrossed bills No. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Clagett and Mr. Cramphin.

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A letter