

may think proper to lay before them. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

The house appoint Mr. George Ranken and Mr. William Hanson M'Pherson committee clerks. ORDERED, That they be qualified.

ORDERED, That Mr. Worthington, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. J. Dent, and Mr. Wright, be a committee to examine and inspect the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. F. Gaunt, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Morris, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That Mr. Hindman, Mr. Craufurd, Mr. Clagett, Mr. Cramphin, Mr. Ward, Mr. Duckett, and Mr. Brogden, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Maddux, be a committee to enquire what laws have expired or will expire during this session or at the close thereof.

That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Duckett, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Magruder, be a committee to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and report the best ways and means for setting on foot manufactories, and promoting the trade and commerce of this state; also to enquire into and report what hath been done by those who have heretofore received encouragement for manufactories.

That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Wright, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Winder, be a committee to enquire into and report the state of the public taxes under the act passed last session for raising the supplies for the present year, and more particularly the specific taxes, and the rate of exchange between specie and bills of credit fixed in the respective counties from time to time by the commissioners of the tax.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to the house letters from the President of Congress of the 8th, 20th, and 26th of February, 2d, 4th, 18th, 26th, and 30th of March, and 19th, 21st, and 29th of April; from the war-office of the 13th of February, and 13th and 30th of April; from general Greene of the 15th of January, and 7th and 11th of April; from the marquis de la Fayette of the 6th, 8th, and 11th of March, and 10th and 17th of April; from general Smallwood of the 26th of February; from the chevalier de la Luzerne of the 23d of March, and 9th of April; from Mr. Holker of the 7th and 18th of February, and 15th of March; from the chevalier Dubuysson of the 18th of March; from general Gift of the 8th and 27th of February, and 27th of March; from Andrew Buchanan, Esq; of the 25th of April; from the chevalier Danmours of the 31st of March, and 10th of May; and a representation from the people of Somerset county.

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

T H U R S D A Y, May 24, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

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

F R I D A Y, May 25, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. Mr. Hall appeared in the house. The proceedings of Wednesday were read.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a request go from this house to the judges of the general court, that they adjourn their court till some future day, the most agreeable to them, and assure their honours that this house will do all in its power to take care of the business of the court.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the house a letter from the president of the executive council of the eastern shore, enclosing two letters from the president of congress, of the 9th and 27th of April, with resolutions of the 8th and 23d, and a letter from the board of war of the 25th.

Letters of resignation from Mr. Samuel Hanson and Mr. Rezin Hammond were laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrants to the she-  
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