

nate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto in presence of the members of both houses.

No. 1. An act for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western and eastern shore, and the several county courts therein mentioned, and for the other purposes therein mentioned.

No. 2. An act to repeal the several acts of assembly heretofore made relative to the export of provisions.

Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

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

T H U R S D A Y, May 31, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A letter from the commissioners of the tax for Cæcil county, was laid before the house and read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report upon the letters, &c. from the commissioners of the tax for the several counties.

The petition from Charles and Lilly Blair was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Scott, Mr. Dashiell, and Mr. Hall, to consider and report thereon.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole; Mr. Wright in the chair; after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken the subject matter referred to them into their consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to move for leave to sit again.

RESOLVED, That this house will, in the afternoon, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider further of the same.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

According to order, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole; Mr. Wright in the chair; after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Wright reported, that the committee had, according to order, taken into their consideration the subject matter to them referred, and had come to several resolutions thereon, which they directed him to report, and which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the table, where they were twice read in the following words, and unanimously agreed to.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this committee, that all just demands against this state for money lent, for goods or provisions furnished on credit, services performed, or provisions taken for the public use, be liquidated in real money according to the value thereof, and discharged with interest thereon from the time the same ought to have been paid.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this committee, that the most effectual measures be taken by the legislature to secure the redemption of the late emission, according to the terms thereof, and the public faith pledged, without any discount for any depreciation which hath or may happen.

ORDERED, That Mr. W. Stevenson be added to the committee of claims. †

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, setting forth, that John Chambers, of said county, has erected a wharf at Cedar-point, opposite the Head of Elk landing, and being desirous of giving encouragement to his undertaking, pray an act may pass for the purpose of laying out and completing a road from the said wharf to Christiana bridge; a petition from the vestrymen and churchwardens of All Faiths parish in Saint Mary's county, setting forth, that for want of a regular clergyman, they for some time past have employed Mr. Fitzhugh Mackay to preach among them; that he has been bred with a view to the church, and would have applied for orders in a regular manner, had his age permitted, before the war, which has since become impracticable, and praying an act may pass, authorising him to solemnize the rites of marriage; a petition from Thomas May, of Cæcil county, setting forth, that a certain John Roberts, late of Pennsylvania, deceased, was in his life time possessed of part of Elk forge, in Cæcil county; that the commissioners for the preservation of confiscated British property, deeming the aforesaid part of Elk forge forfeited to the state, on account of the conduct of the said John Roberts while living in the state of Pennsylvania, seized the same; that the said Roberts left a widow and several children, who will be greatly distressed should they be deprived of the said property, and therefore praying the general assembly to stop any further proceedings against the said estate until the next session; and a petition from Elverton Kennerly, Benjamin Atkinson, James West, and William Kennerly, nonjurors in

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