

Mr. Ridgely brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Alexander.

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

S A T U R D A Y, June 9, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. E. Johnson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A memorial from Abraham Falconar, setting forth, that he was appointed by the act to procure an extra supply of provisions, &c. to contract for the hire and purchase of waggons and horses in Kent county; that he purchased three waggons and nine horses, and received three horses from nonjurors; that two of the said waggons and teams were delivered to Mr. Hollingsworth, who refused to receive the other; that the auditor refuses to pass his account, until he produces a receipt for the third waggon; that the said waggon and team has been in his possession ever since last fall, and is now fit for the service, and Mr. Hollingsworth is now willing to receive it, if he was authorized so to do; and praying that the auditor-general may be directed to settle and pass his account; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee of claims to consider and report thereon.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, endorsed; "By the senate, June 8, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

A petition from Charles Smith, late a captain in the extra regiment, setting forth, that upon a settlement with the auditor-general there is a balance due him, as by the auditor's certificate will appear, which, from the present state of our finances, and the number of orders already drawn on the treasury, he conceives there is little probability of having paid at present, and praying the general assembly to make the certificates granted to the officers of the said regiment a tender for the payment of confiscated property, and for all assessments and collections; a petition from sundry inhabitants of West and East Nottingham, and North Milford hundreds, in Cæcil county, but formerly under the Pennsylvania and Delaware governments, relative to certain lands in said county of which they are possessed, praying the general assembly to declare on what terms patents may be had by the present possessors; and a report from the commissioners appointed by act of assembly to take the depositions of witnesses on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county; severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 9, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

Mr. Clagett and Mr. Craufurd have leave of absence till Monday morning.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

RESOLVED, That this general assembly approve the commission granted by his Excellency the Governor in council, dated the 28th day of March last, to Matthew Ridley, Esq;

RESOLVED, That this state will make good, and punctually execute, any contract which may be made by the said Matthew Ridley, for the yearly payment of one thousand hogheads of tobacco, or four thousand barrels of flour, or both or any part of either of them, to be delivered in this state, at a stipulated price, or the current market price at the time and place of delivery, to discharge the interest which may be agreed on for any loan or credit he may obtain in Europe on behalf of this state, till payment of the principal; or if he should contract as aforesaid to the amount of one thousand hogheads of tobacco, or eight thousand barrels of flour, or both, for payment of a principal sum, this general assembly will fully execute such contract.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Taylor and Mr. Job.

Mr. Mills has leave of absence. Mr. Brogden has leave of absence till Monday morning.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the trial of spies, and such as may join the enemy. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Bayly, and Mr. Chase, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions respecting Mr. Ridley, endorsed; "By the senate, June 9, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the trial and punishment of spies, and such as may join the enemy; which was read the