

Ruffell's creditors; if there should not be effects enough belonging to him to satisfy them after the sale of his interest in the Nottingham works.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

And the journal of accounts and list of debts, endorsed; "By the senate, June 26, 1781: Read and assented to.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

The bill to abrogate and abolish part of the fifty-fifth article of the form of government, was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate, with the supplement to the act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state, &c. by Mr. E. Johnson and Mr. Bayly.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to repeal part of the act, entitled, A further supplement to the act for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one? Determined in the negative.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bill No. 32, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was read and assented to, and the paper bill so endorsed.

The supplement to the act for the defence of the bay, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate, with the paper bill No. 32, by Mr. Beatty and Mr. Norris.

The report from the committee of claims on the treasury was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Norris has leave of absence.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state, &c. and the supplement to the act for the defence of the bay, severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 26, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

And a representation from the officers of the Maryland line, stationed in Annapolis for the purpose of disciplining the new raised troops, setting forth, that they have unavoidably incurred expence for board, &c. and therefore requesting an advance of money, endorsed; "By the senate, June 26, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read.

The engrossed bill No. 33, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Plowden and Mr. T. Gantt.

Whereas the officers, whose offices are connected in any manner with the public revenue, ought by law to have had their accounts in such a state, and to have conducted themselves in such manner, that this house might have had entire satisfaction as to the state of the public revenue; but from the inattention and neglect of some of them, this house have not been able to obtain the necessary information: It is therefore

RESOLVED, That this house will treat with exemplary severity any officer, who shall not transmit any papers which he ought to transmit by the duty of his office, or any officer who shall not have his accounts ready in time, according to the duty of his office, from which this house may gain the necessary information of the state and condition of the public revenue, and the debts due to and from the public.

ORDERED, That one hundred copies of the above resolution be printed and sent to the eastern shore, and that it be published in the Annapolis news-paper.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, June 27, 1781.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Scott, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Scott brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from his Excellency the Governor, dated in council, June 27, 1781, respecting purchases made on credit, was laid before the house and read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to public creditors. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Scott, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr.