

F R I D A Y, November 30, 1781.

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

Mr. B. T. B. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speake a bill, entitled, An act to declare what foreign gold and silver coin shall be deemed the current money of the state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilton, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of TRADE and MANUFACTORIES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the petition of Nathan Norton, of Cæcil county, intimating his want of means to carry on a pipe manufactory, which he has erected, and a stone ware manufactory, which he is about erecting, samples of which have been presented by the petitioner to the general assembly, and viewed by your committee, who are of opinion the pipes are good; that by improvements, the stone ware may be made useful and elegant; therefore your committee are of opinion, that Norton is entitled to the public assistance, to enable him to prosecute said manufactory. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Daniel Heester was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. Kent be added to the committee appointed to enquire into and report the quantity of cloathing, provisions, &c.

The several letters from the president of congress, his Excellency general Washington, &c. received from the senate, were read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall and Mr. Kent be added to the committee on the supply bill.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 1, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Caufin has leave of absence till Monday week.

The letter of excuse from Mr. James Shaw was read the second time and accepted.

The letter of excuse from Mr. Winder was read the second time, and the question put, That the same be accepted? Determined in the negative.

A letter from Mr. Josias Beall being received and read, the question was put, That the clerk be directed to write to Mr. Beall, requesting an explanation of the said letter? Resolved in the affirmative. X

The letter of excuse from Mr. Taylor was read the second time and accepted.

A letter of excuse from Mr. Joseph Dashiell was laid before the house, and read and accepted. X

On motion, the question was put, That the serjeant at arms, attending this house, be sent for such members thereof as have not attended in the course of this session, or sent excuses for their non-attendance which have been accepted, and bring the said members in custody before the house? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was put, That the serjeant at arms, attending this house, be sent for those sheriffs who have not made returns of their last elections, and bring them in custody before this house? Resolved in the affirmative.

James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Jane Roberts, widow, and Thomas Roberts, on behalf of themselves and others, children of John Roberts, late of Philadelphia county, in Pennsylvania, praying the general assembly to restore to them certain property in Cæcil county, formerly belonging to the said John Roberts, which is seized under the act for the confiscation of British property; a petition of Stephen Steward and son, praying the general assembly to direct the payment of money advanced for the public service: and a petition of Luke Marbury, colonel of militia, who was taken prisoner at German-town in the year 1777, and remained in captivity for three years and eleven months, praying the general assembly to direct some person to settle and adjust his account, and enable him to discharge the debts he was under the necessity of contracting while in captivity; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1781: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, That by the certificate of the sheriff of Dorchester county it appears, that Thomas Firman Eccleston, John Smoot, Levin Kirkman, and