

and James Shaw, Esquires, were duly elected delegates to represent said county in general assembly.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and concurred with.

A letter of resignation from Mr. John Smoot was laid before the house and read, and thereupon **ORDERED**, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Dorchester county, for the electing a delegate in the room of Mr. Smoot. Which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of January next.

A petition of Nathaniel Ramsfey, praying the general assembly to pass an act, confirming a deed of assignment from Lemuel Cravath of a lot in Baltimore-town, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Morris, to consider and report thereon.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial of Anthony Addison and Eleanor Callis, praying the general assembly to pass an act, vesting in them a reasonable part of the estate of their father, the reverend Henry Addison, which has been seized under the act for the confiscation of British property; endorsed, "By the senate, December 1, 1781: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

According to order, the house proceeded to take into consideration the petition of John and Mary Polton, and the counter petition of Gideon Garey, which were read; and it appearing to the house, on the oath of witnesses, that notice had been given the said Garey, and he neglecting to attend, **ORDERED**, That the said Mary Polton be heard at the bar by her counsel.

The house having heard and considered the counsel, and the evidence offered on behalf of the petitioner, **ORDERED**, That leave be given to bring in a bill to vest Mary Polton and her heirs with an estate in fee in the lands mentioned in her petition.

Mr. Lloyd has leave of absence until Saturday next.

The petition of John Lynch was read, and, together with the petition of Areannah Kennedy, referred from the last session, referred to Mr. Wilson, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Duvall, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bowie has leave of absence till Monday week.

On motion, Leave given to bring in bills to confirm the acts of the last session for abrogating and abolishing parts of the form of government. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Brogden, do prepare and bring in said bills.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the act, entitled, An act to abrogate and abolish part of the thirty-seventh article of the form of government; a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the act, entitled, An act to abrogate and abolish the forty-fifth article of the form of government; and a bill, entitled, An act to confirm the act to abrogate and abolish part of the fifty-fifth article of the form of government. Which were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

## M O N D A Y, December 3, 1781.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Caulfin, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Gibson. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Samuel Worthington and Mr. Chew appeared in the house.

A petition of Robert Reynolds, sergeant at arms, praying an advance of money to enable him to execute the orders of Saturday last, was preferred and read.

**ORDERED**, That the letters from the superintendant of finance, of the 8th of August, 17th of November, and the one in October, be referred to the committee appointed on the supply bill.

That the letters from general Greene, of the 21st of August and 24th of October, and from general Gist, of the 27th of October, be referred to the committee appointed on the recruiting service.

**ORDERED**, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Plowden, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Kent, be a committee to consider and report on the letter of the superintendant of finance of the 27th of July.

The petition of colonel Luke Marbury was read, and referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Mills, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Hall, from the conferrees, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

At a conference of the two houses, were present, the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Benedict Edward Hall, Esquires, of the senate; and Samuel Chase, John Hall, and Michael Jenifer Stone, Esquires, of the house of delegates.

The honourable MATTHEW TILGHMAN, Esq; in the chair.

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