

in the discretion of the county court where the conviction shall be had, or by a fine not exceeding ——— current money, in the discretion of the county court as aforesaid.

Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

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

ORDERED, That Mr. M^oBryde, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Quynn, be added to the committee appointed to enquire into the expedition down the Chesapeake.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Thomas Harwood, setting forth, that he has expended considerable sums of money far beyond the amount of the allowance granted him by law, in forwarding the laws, votes and proceedings, and many other public papers, to the eastern shore, and praying an additional allowance be granted him, and a remonstrance and petition from sundry inhabitants of Kent county, respecting Kent county manor, confiscated as British property; severally endorsed; "By the senate, May 15, 1782: " Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Mr. Norris, Mr. Taney, and Mr. Morris, appeared in the house.

Rivington's royal gazette of the 8th instant, announcing the arrival of Sir Guy Carleton at New-York, as a commissioner for making peace or war in North-America; the dissolution of the late British ministry, and the appointment of a new administration; and the draught of a bill brought into the British parliament, to enable the king of Great-Britain to conclude a peace or truce with the United States, by the appellation of revolted colonies; being laid before the house and read:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That it is the opinion of this house, that peace with Great-Britain and all the world is an object truly desirable, but that war with all its calamities is to be preferred to national dishonour; and that it is the sentiment of this house, that any negotiation for peace or truce, not agreeable to the alliance with France, is inadmissible; that every danger ought to be encountered, every event hazarded, rather than fully our national character, or violate, in the least degree, our connection with our great and good ally; and that good faith, gratitude, and safety, forbid any treaty for peace or truce with Great-Britain, but in conjunction with France, or with her consent first obtained.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That this house will exert the power of the state to enable congress to prosecute the war, until Great-Britain renounce all claim of sovereignty over the United States, or any part thereof, and until their independence be formally or tacitly assured by the treaty with Great-Britain, France, and the United States, which shall terminate the war.

Sent to the senate by Mr. B. T. B. Worthington and Mr. Chase.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petitions of certain nonjurors, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the petitions of George Aullin, John Daugherty, Henry Wallon, Henry Wallon Miles, Charles Williams, James Spicer, Arnold Ballard, Matthias Hobbs, Philip Jones, Daniel Jones, and Stephen Garland, of Somerset county; and Christian Coon, of Frederick county; setting forth, that they neglected to take the oath of fidelity to the state in the time prescribed by law, but that they have since taken the same, as appears by certificates to the said petitions annexed. Your committee therefore beg leave to report as their opinion, that the petitioners aforesaid ought to be relieved from the treble tax, and other disabilities, except the holding of any office of profit or trust within this state, or voting at elections.

And your committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the petitions of John Richardson, William Robertson, and Henry Hobleman, of Frederick county; and William Sanders, of Dorchester county, setting forth, that they neglected to take the oath of fidelity to the state in time, but that they have now come to a due sense of their duty, and pray to be relieved from the treble tax. Your committee beg leave to give it as their opinion, that the said petitioners, on taking the oath aforesaid, ought to be relieved from the treble tax, and other disabilities, except the holding of any office of profit or trust within this state, or voting at elections.

And your committee further report, that they have taken into consideration the petition of the reverend John Stephen, of All-Faith parish, in St. Mary's county, setting forth, that influenced by considerations of a religious nature, he neglected to take the oath of fidelity to this state at the time prescribed by law for that purpose; that now his scruples are done away, and that he has taken the oath of fidelity to the commonwealth of Virginia, and prays to be permitted to preach the gospel, and teach youth the Latin and Greek classics, and instruct them in the most useful branches of the mathematics. Your committee beg leave to report it as their opinion, that the said Stephen ought to be relieved agreeable to the prayer of his petition (except voting at elec-