

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, was read the second time, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer thereof. ORDERED, That Mr. Stull, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Shriver, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

ORDERED, That Mr. Jenifer be added to the committee to enquire what laws have expired or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

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

T U E S D A Y, May 21, 1782.

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

Mr. Stone brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to punish persons contriving the escapes of prisoners of war; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from William Roberts, of Somerset county, setting forth, that he has sustained great loss by the depredations of the enemy, and praying relief, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Herbert Blackstone. ORDERED, That Mr. Waggaman be added to the said committee.

The petition of James Nearn, inspector at Snow-hill warehouse, was read and granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Norris, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A petition from Thomas King, collector of Somerset county, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Forrest, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That Mr. Morris be added to the committee appointed on the petition of George Truitt.

The petition of Gabriel Lewyn was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Job, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Fitzhugh and Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

The petition of John Hamilton, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Duckett, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Rinaldo Johnson, a delegate returned for Prince-George's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for erecting a new courthouse, &c. in Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the senate, May 18, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, May 21, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED, That the petition of Mary Pindle, referred from the last to the present session, be taken into consideration this afternoon.

The report on the petition of Robert Long was read the second time, and it being moved, that the house concur therewith, the previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative. The said question was then put, and determined in the negative.

Robert Goldborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the protection of our bay trade, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, May 19, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, May 21, 1782: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

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

THE committee of elections and privileges beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Prince-George's county it appears, that Rinaldo Johnson, Esq; was duly elected and declared a delegate for said county, to serve in this present general assembly, in the room of Josias Beall, Esq; who resigned. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

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