

posed of, distinguishing in the account what specifics have been sold, which were collected, previous to his entering upon the execution of his office, from those which have been since that period collected and sold.

RESOLVED, That the intendant state what foreign trade he has engaged in, and the profits or loss attending it.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Letters from his Excellency the governor, dated December 28, 1782, enclosing a letter from the minister of France; a letter from the secretary of foreign affairs, with a copy of a commission to Mr. Oswald, authorising him to treat of peace or truce with the United States of America; and copies of a report of a committee of congress on the subject of Rhode-Island's refusal to impose the five per cent. duty, and of an address by Massachusetts-Bay to congress relative to the continental emissions. And also a representation from Benjamin G. Eyre and Jacob Morgan, junior, in behalf of several merchants of Philadelphia, praying that the two and one quarter per cent. imposed on vessels and stock in trade, might be taken off Philadelphia vessels and their cargoes for exportation; endorsed; "By the senate, December 28, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 1, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of Friday, Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, were read. Mr. Courfey appeared in the house. Mr. John Cadwalader, a delegate returned for Kent county, and Mr. Charles Ridgely, son of William, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government took their seats in the house. Mr. Smithson appeared in the house.

Letters of excuse from Mr. Forrest, Mr. Key, and Mr. Cradock, were laid before the house and read.

Mr. Burgess appeared in the house.

The engrossed bill No. 6, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Cadwalader.

The bill for confirming a deed of conveyance made by James Langton to Thomas Langton, of and in the lands and premises therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Fell.

The bill for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Hanson and Miss Catherine Dulany, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Courfey and Mr. Stone.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, January 1, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his Excellency the governor of the 31st of December, enclosing a copy of a letter to the Chevalier de Quémey of same date; which was read.

The house proceeded on the second reading of the bill for the defence of the state from the enemy's barges and cruisers; and on motion by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. B. Worthington, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to said bill?

"And be it enacted, That all the duties imposed by this act on the trade of this state, shall be appropriated for the defence of the bay and the protection of trade, and such further sum as may be necessary, not exceeding in the whole the sum of thirty thousand pounds." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

A memorial from Robert Long, of Baltimore-town, was read; and Mr. Norris, Mr. Smithson, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Weems, Mr. Chapline, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Kent, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to consider and report thereon.

The report on the memorial of sundry officers of the Maryland line, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. Kent, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Fell, Mr. Bowie, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Taylor, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Rowland has leave of absence.

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