

4 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER 1783.

Mr. Samuel Miller, a delegate returned for Cæcil county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

A petition from Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, praying an act may pass, authorising and directing the register of the land-office to make out a patent to the said Joseph Cresap, for a parcel of land, agreeable to a certificate returned into the said office, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

A letter from James M'Henry, Esq; of the 3d of November, and a letter from Daniel Carroll and James M'Henry, Esquires, of the same date, with sundry enclosures, No. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6, were read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, setting forth, that they became purchasers at a late sale of confiscated British property, from encouragement given at the sale, that red money and soldiers certificates would be received in payment at par, and were induced to give prices so far exceeding the real value, that in many instances the land and all their other property will not pay the purchase money, and praying relief in the premises aforesaid; was preferred and read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty four; and Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. De Butts, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Carroll, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

On motion, the house proceeded to the choice of a committee, to consider what arrangements may be necessary or proper with regard to the civil establishment, and the care and management of the public money, or of any property belonging to the state, and that they report their opinion to the house thereon; and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Ware, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Steret, were elected.

Mr. James Kent, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 13, 1783.

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

A certificate of the qualification of the committee clerks was produced and filed.

Mr. Ridgely of William has leave of absence for a few days.

Mr. Clement Sewell, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Ware, Mr. Seney, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Hawkins, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Francis Rochester, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass, to enable the administrators of Frederick Foreman, late of Queen-Anne's county, to sell part of a tract of land called Lloyd's Freshes, for the payment of his debts, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Kent, Mr. Seney, and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Samuel Colden, of Queen-Anne's county, praying an act may pass, to record and give effect to a deed of bargain and sale from James Raley, and Benjamin Newnam and Mary his wife, to John Moore, of Queen-Anne's county, was preferred and read, and referred to the above committee to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, beg leave to report, That they have examined the allegations set forth in the same, and find them to be true, and are of opinion that, from the circumstances of the case, he ought to be relieved by an act of assembly, agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDRER, clk.

Which was read.

Certificates of the qualification of the serjeant at arms and door-keeper were produced and filed.

Whereas this house have received information, that the honourable congress have determined to take up their temporary residence in the city of Annapolis, **RESOLVED unanimously**, That such residence will be agreeable to this house, and that they will consent to set apart so many of the