

W E D N E S D A Y, November 19, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Harwood, Mr. Plowden, and Mr. Ogle. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hindman appeared in the house. Mr. Nehemiah Holland, a delegate returned for Worcester 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 John Galloway, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he did not take the oath of fidelity to the state according to law, and praying to be invested with the same privileges as other citizens of this state; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Thomas Firman Eccleston, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, was read and accepted, 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. Eccleston. Which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of January next.

Mr. Hammond, from the committee, delivers to Mr. Speaker An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying an act may pass, to divide said county, for the ease and convenience of the people of said county, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Swingle, Mr. Jacob, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John Galloway, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and sundry certificates recommending said Galloway, and are of opinion that he ought to be relieved agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto; and Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Ridgely, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of captain Carcaud, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and from a representation of the said captain it appears, he left this state and went to England in seventeen hundred and seventy-five; that he remained in the British dominions until June, 1782, when he went to Ostend, and became an Imperial subject; that he did not return to this state till the ninth of June, 1783; that the said Carcaud, during the war with Britain, did not go into the British service, either by land or water, but returned to his native country the Jersey, and remained in a private capacity almost during the war; that upon his arrival in this state, he took the several oaths required by the constitution and form of government. Your committee had no other papers or proofs thereof, except the representation of said Carcaud.

Your committee are of opinion, that the said Carcaud does not come within the exception of the act for the seizure and confiscation of British property, not having returned before the first of March, 1782.

Your committee beg leave further to report, that the said Carcaud became a subject of a neutral state, and is warmly recommended by a number of worthy citizens of this state, and in the opinion of your committee, is a poor unfortunate man, in a distressed situation, with a wife and a number of helpless children.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, **ORDERED**, That the house take into consideration and ascertain the salaries to the civil officers of government, and of establishing permanent funds for the payment of the said officers, to-morrow morning.

On motion, leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act for an election to determine at what place the court-house and prison of Harford county shall be built; and Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Norris, Mr. Love, and Mr. Wheeler, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of Francis Rochester, junior, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time and passed.