

M O N D A Y, November 29, 1784.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Steret. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Bond appeared in the house. Mr. Seney has leave of absence.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Dickinson and Anne his wife, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts set forth in said petition, and are fully satisfied that they are true, and that the said Henry Dickinson was totally ignorant of the act of 1777 until some time after his marriage. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that an act ought to pass to confirm the said marriage, legitimate the issue, and relieve the said petitioners from all the pains and penalties inflicted by the said act, the said petitioners paying all the costs and charges which have accrued on the said prosecution. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to confirm a deed of bargain and sale made by John Cannon and Anne Cannon his wife, to Sarah Piner, of and in the lands and premises therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to establish a market at the market-house in Chester-town, in Kent county, and for the regulation of the said market, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Lathbury and Mr. J. Scott.

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

The report on the petition of Henry Dickinson and Anne his wife, was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to raise the supplies for the year 1785. ORDERED, That Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Hall, Mr. Chate, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. Jon, Mr. Ware, and Mr. De Butts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass, to establish a warehouse at London-town, on South river, for the inspection of tobacco; was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to bring in a bill to regulate the inspection of tobacco.

The report on the petition of Amos Garrett was read the second time and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution empowering the governor to draw on the intendant of the revenue for a sum of money to procure the portrait of our illustrious general, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1784: Read and assented to, J. DORSEY, clk."

"By order,

The following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 29, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

WE concur with the resolve of the 26th instant, empowering the governor to draw on the intendant of the revenue to pay for the portrait of our late illustrious commander. But at the same time we think it proper to notice the irregularity of the proceeding of a former house of delegates, in passing a resolution without the participation of the senate, by which this house might be subjected, at a future day, to the disagreeable alternative of giving their assent to a resolution for drawing money out of the treasury, or of obstructing a measure which might meet with their most hearty approbation, were it not for the unparliamentary way that had been adopted by one of the branches of the legislature for carrying it into execution.

Perhaps there may be some impropriety in noticing the irregular proceeding of a former house of delegates; however, in justice to ourselves we must remark, that this is the first opportunity which has been afforded this house of animadverting on that proceeding, and we are the more induced thereto, by the danger of suffering unparliamentary practices, if unnoticed, of becoming too frequent, and acquiring the force of undisputed precedents.

By order, —

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

And letters from Thomas Miffin, Esq; president of congress, of the 20th of February; of the 24th of February, with a resolve of congress of the 21st; of the 25th of March, with a resolve of the 23d; of the 1st of April, with a requisition of congress; of the 21st of April, respecting free ports, P'Orient, Marseilles, and Dunkirk; of the 6th of May, with resolves of the 27th and 29th of April—from Charles Thomson, Esq; respecting the non-attendance of members of congress, of the 1st of January; one other of the 16th of January, with a proclamation of the ratification of the definitive articles of peace—from Robert Morris, Esq; of the 20th of May—from the committee of congress, of the 2d of August, respecting the exchange of the ratifications of the definitive treaty—from John Laurens, Esq; of the 16th of August—from Baron Steuben, of the 14th of October—from the treasurer of the western shore, of the 21st of May,