

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Chase, Mr. Potts, Mr. Shaw, Mr. R. Miller, Mr. Pinkney and Mr. Mercer, be a committee to consider and report the state of the treasury, the probable effect of the revenue laws now existing, and the supplies necessary for the current year.

Samuel Chase and David M'Mechen, Esquires, being at the bar of the house, engaged to pay all the costs that may be taxed in supporting the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, and the petition of Samuel Chase and David M'Mechen, Esquires, for setting aside the election of delegates for Baltimore-town.

The house proceeded, agreeably to the order of the day, to the hearing of the merits of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, and the petition of Samuel Chase and David M'Mechen, Esquires, respecting the election for Baltimore-town; and after some time spent therein, the subject matter of the said petitions was postponed till to-morrow morning.

ORDERED, that the serjeant at arms take into custody any person summoned on behalf of the petitioners against the election of James M'Henry and John Coulter to give evidence at the bar of this house, and who did not attend, and bring such person in custody to the bar of the house, to answer for his contempt.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 15, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Potts has leave of absence till Monday week next. Mr. Craufurd has leave of absence till Monday next.

A petition from Nathaniel Smith, of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that he hath a claim against the state as an officer in the Maryland artillery, and praying a settlement; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. M'Henry, Mr. Blake, Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. O'Neale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Seney has leave of absence.

A petition from William Kilty, and others, late officers in the Maryland line, stating, that in the settlement of their accounts with the commissioner, a deduction was made from the amount of their claims of one month's pay, which ought to have been paid in specie, and which is still due, and praying relief in the premises; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Fraizer, Mr. Forrest and Mr. Shaw, to consider and report thereon.

A letter from Thomas Johnson, Esquire, refusing the appointment of governor, was laid before the house and read.

The house resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and proceeded in the examination of witnesses, and after some time, referred the same for further consideration till 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met, and resumed the further consideration of the order of the day, and after examining witnesses, referred the same till Monday morning.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 17, 1788.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Potts, and Mr. Craufurd. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Henry Waggaman, 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.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of George Wolf, of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mary Cox, beg leave to report, that on mature consideration thereof, her case appears worthy the interposition of the legislature.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, as there is no existing law which will afford her that relief to which they think her justly entitled, that a resolution ought to pass to grant the prayer of her petition.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The petition of Thomas Ruffin, referred from the last to the present session, was read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Matthews and Mr. W. Tilghman, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Polk and Mr. J. Tilghman be added to the committee appointed to consider and report on the petition of Robert Hodgson.

Mr. Harwood appeared in the house.

A petition from Samuel Chester, of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that he contracted a disorder during his raising, enlisting and disciplining, troops in the late war, which renders him unable to support