VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1794.

M O N D A Y, November 10,

HE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. David Lynn, a delegate returned for Allegany county, Mr. Thomas Horrell, a delegate returned for Calvert county, and Mr. Charles Ridgely, of William, a delegate returned for Baltimore county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took their seats in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Gale, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Lynn, Mr. H. Johnson and Mr. Brogden, be a committee to prepare and bring in the

Mr. Dorsey delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolutions, viz.

Resolved, That the general assembly of Maryland are the guardians of the rights and privileges of the citizens thereof, and as such are bound to take notice of any infraction of the bill of rights and constitution of this state, which are justly termed the palladia of our liberties, and therefore

ought to be preserved inviolate.

RESOLVED, That the citizens of this state are entitled to an appeal from the subordinate to the superior jurisdictions provided by the constitution and laws, and that a concentration of offices in the judicial departments of government in the same person, tends in its consequences to deprive the people of the benefit of such appeal, is subversive of the principles of our constitution, and leads to despotism and tyranny.

RESOLVED, That Samuel Chase, Esquire, in holding and exercising the office of chief justice of the court of over and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, being at the same time chief judge of the general court of this state, is guilty of a violation of the constitutional laws of the

land. Wherefore,

RESOLVED by the general assembly of Maryland, two thirds of all the members of each house concurring, That the governor be and he is hereby requested to remove the said Samuel Chase from the office of chief judge of the general court of this state.

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on the first day of December next, and that the clerk of the house furnish Mr. Chase with a copy of the said resolutions, and that he have permission to be heard at the bar of the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Sloan, of Somerset county, report, that they have taken the same into their consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be strictly true. Your committee beg leave further to report, that the executive is not invested with a power in this case to grant relief, and that the legislature is the only power from which relief can be extended to the petitioner. We also report, that the petitioner has evinced by his conduct, in every transaction of his life, the strictest conformity to the laws, and an implicit acquiescence under the constitutional authority of his country, and that in his official duty, as a minister, he has conducted himself with propriety, and has been remarkably particular in endeavouring to avoid the penalty to which an unfortunate deception has rendered him liable, and which must be awarded against him, unless he be relieved therefrom by the interposition of the legislature. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Mackall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Calvert county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to alter the mode of collecting the county tax in Harford county. Ordered, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Ridgely, of William, and Mr. McComas,

be a committee to prepare and bring in the fame.

The report on the petition of fundry inhabitants of the town of Cambridge, was read the fecond time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Martin, Mr. Gordon and Mr. Craig, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Abraham George Hammond, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency,

was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a fimilar nature.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act for the collection of the county charges in Allegany county. Ordered, That Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Cresap, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to authorife the justices of the levy court of Frederick county to appoint the overseers of the roads and constables of said county. ORDERED, That Mr.

Jamison, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Baer, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from John Nabb, junior, of Talbot county, praying an act of infolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a fimilar nature.

Mr. Kersner, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, praying that an act might pass, to alter the time of holding the levy court of said county to some time in the early part of the month of May, report, that they have taken the same into confideration,