

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 13

praying, that the said corporation and their successors may be enabled to lay a tax not exceeding five shillings in any one year for every hundred pounds of property within the said city and precincts thereof, for the use of the said city, as the corporation may think proper; and also praying, that the power of regulating ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof may be hereafter vested in the said corporation, and that the mayor's court of the said city only may hereafter grant licences to ordinary keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and its precincts, and that no other fines be hereafter imposed on any ordinary keeper or retailer of spirituous liquors within the said city or the precincts thereof; thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

And a petition of Leonard Gray, a nonjuror, in Prince-George's county; which were ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Keene, and Mr. John Hanson, be a committee to tax the costs on the petition of the vestry, churchwardens, and inhabitants, of Christ-Church parish in Calvert county, and the counter petition thereto.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 17, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Richard Johns, a delegate returned for Talbot county, appeared, and after being duly qualified he took his seat in the house.

The memorial of the mayor, recorder, aldermen, and common council men, of the city of Annapolis, read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzhugh brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the estates of deceased persons, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bayly hath leave of absence until Saturday next.

Mr. Mackall delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bill No. 2, which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Gaunt and Mr. B. Hall.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider the letters and acts of congress, letters from the board of war, and from general Washington and other officers of the army.

YOUR committee have taken into consideration the letters and acts of congress relative to money, are of opinion that the papers on that subject are of such importance as to require the utmost attention of the house of delegates, and the same ought to be taken into consideration in a committee of the whole, at such early day as may be thought most proper. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl.

Which was read and concurred with; and RESOLVED, That this house will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the several matters mentioned in the said report.

The house appointed Mr. George Ranken a committee clerk.

ORDERED, That he be qualified.

Mr. Digges brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the establishment of select vestries; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the delegates of this state to congress, who are in this city, be requested to attend this house on to-morrow, at three of the clock, to give the house such information respecting the state of public affairs in Europe and America, as may be in their power, and that one or more members inform the delegates that are not members of this house of the above request. Mr. Speaker, in consequence of the above order, appointed Mr. J. Hall and Mr. Chase to give the above notice.

Messieurs John Hall and Chase report to the honourable Speaker, that they have given notice to the delegates in congress to attend agreeable to the requisition of the house.

ORDERED, That Mr. Jordan, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Holland, be added to the marine committee, &c.

ORDERED, That Mr. Fitzhugh be added to the committee of grievances, &c.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Chaillé, Mr. M'Bride, and Mr. Alexander, be a committee to report the contract entered into by the superintendants for building