

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

building the stadt-house with Mr. Charles Wallace, and to enquire into and report whether the contract hath been complied with by Mr. Wallace, and particularly whether the stadt-house is well secured from any damage from rain, and for what cause the roof of copper was taken off, and what has been done with the said copper; and further, that the said committee enquire into and report whether the galleries have been erected agreeable to the contract made with Mr. Wallace.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

ORDERED, That the order of the day for taking into consideration the petition of Robert Long, which was referred from last session to this day, be read, and it was read accordingly.

ORDERED, That the petition be read, and it was read accordingly. On reading whereof, and on motion of his council to give in evidence a certificate of the clerk of the land-office, and other testimony, proving a fraudulent contract in the Principio company, and their managers, in obtaining a patent for sundry tracts of land, including the lands in question, and which said patent was obtained posterior to the several resolutions which the said petitioner prays to be repealed, the question was put, That the said testimony be admitted? Resolved in the affirmative.

The house having heard the council on both sides, and the testimony offered in support of the facts alleged in the petition, and maturely considering the same, granted the petition; and leave was given to the petitioner to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer of his petition.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 18, 1779.

THE house met: Present as on yesterday, except Mr. Bayly. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Alexander Hamilton Smith, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after being duly qualified he took his seat in the house.

The memorial of the corporation of the city of Annapolis, was read the second time and granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer thereof.

A letter from the reverend Mr. Hanna, desiring leave to perform divine service in one of the large rooms in the stadt-house, was read.

Mr. Lethbury from the committee of both houses appointed to prepare the draught of an address to Thomas Johnson, Esq; late governor of this state, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

At a committee of both houses of assembly appointed to prepare the draught of an address to Thomas Johnson, Esquire, late governor of this state,

WERE PRESENT,

Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and William Paca, Esquires, senators, John Henry, John Hall, and Peregrine Lethbury, Esquires, delegates.

Who made choice of Matthew Tilghman, Esq; president, and Mr. Henry Ridgely, clerk.

YOUR committee, appointed for the purpose aforesaid, have agreed upon the form of an address to be presented to the late governor, and submit the same to the consideration of the honourable the general assembly.

Signed by order of committee,

H. RIDGELY, cl.

To THOMAS JOHNSON, Esquire, late GOVERNOR of the STATE of MARYLAND.

The ADDRESS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

S I R,

THE prudence, assiduity, firmness and integrity, with which you have discharged, in times the most critical, the duties of your late important station, have a just claim to our warm acknowledgments and sincerest thanks.

While dissipation and avarice have too generally prevailed, your conduct, Sir, has afforded a conspicuous example of unwearied attention and close application to the public welfare, and of disinterestedness, in foregoing those profits your known industry, knowledge of business and of your profession, could not have failed of securing.

We approve and admire that consistency of conduct, and uniformity of character, which distinguish a life, devoted, from a very early period, to the true interests of your country, steadily and invariably pursued through a variety of important trusts; and relying on this your ruling passion, the love of your country, we have the best founded hope, that you will not suffer to remain