

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 15

main long inactive, in the retirement of private life, those abilities which have often been so serviceable to the state, and of which it never than at the present time stood in greater need.

Which were read.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Henry and Mr. Jordan be added to the committee to report upon the returns of the commissioners of the tax.

On the second reading of the petition from a number of the inhabitants of Caroline county, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to suspend that part of the act, entitled, An act to revive and aid the proceedings of Caroline county court, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which directs the county courts of the said county of Caroline to be held at Chop-
stank Bridge, until the court-house and prison shall be built for the said county agreeable to the act for that purpose? Resolved in the affirmative.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Stephen Hopkins to Thomas Johnson, Esq; dated 28th October, 1779, enclosing the proceedings of the commissioners of the several states of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode-Island and Providence plantations, Connecticut, and New-York, at Hartford, on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1779; which were read.

A bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Robert Long, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Messieurs Deye and Mackall.

A petition of Thomas Harwood, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, respecting prisoners, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Henry, Mr. Lethbrury, Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Spring, Mr. Chalk, Mr. Fitzhugh, and Mr. Craufurd, do prepare and bring in the same.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate; delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of the inhabitants of Harford county, respecting their court-house; a petition of Elie Vallette and William Hyde, respecting the records of their offices, and sundry nonjurors petitions; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 18, 1779: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which were read.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Anna Maria Ringgold, of Kent county, widow, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

" By the senate, November 18, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

ORDERED, That Mr. B. Hall, Mr. J. Hanson, Mr. Deye, Mr. Job, and Mr. Smith, be a committee to enquire into and report upon the petitions of nonjurors.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate; delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from sundry of the people called quakers, which was read and referred to the committee appointed to consider the petitions of nonjurors.

A complaint of John Brown, of Calvert county, was read and referred to the committee of grievances.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. John Archer, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after being duly qualified he took his seat in the house.

In conformity to the order of yesterday, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, William Paca, and John Henry, Esquires, delegates to congress, attended the house, and after having given the house what information they could with respect to the several matters for which they attended, they withdrew.

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

F R I D A Y, November 19, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ringgold appeared in the house.

A letter from Charles Ramsey, lieutenant of Cecil county, enclosing a petition of Cornelius Bradley, Thomas Armstrong, and Alexander Armstrong, was preferred and read, and referred, together with the petition, to the governor and council, to take order thereon.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to sell certain lands, to lay a further tax on property within the said