

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 35

F R I D A Y, December 10, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M'Comas and Mr. H. Ridgely appeared in the house.

Mr. Crauford brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the erecting new warehouses in the town of Bladensburg; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to incorporate the managers of Back-creek school, was read the second time and passed.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Jordan appeared in the house.

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

S A T U R D A Y, . December 11, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition of Basil Burgess read the second time, and referred to Mr. J. Hall, Mr. H. Ridgely, Mr. Maccubbin, and Mr. Worthington, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

The bill, entitled, An act for the erecting new warehouses in the town of Bladensburg, read the second time by special order and passed.

Mr. Stricker brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the committee appointed to consider the petition of the people called quakers; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The memorial of William Gibson, clerk of Baltimore county, was read the second time, and referred to Mr. J. Henry, Mr. M'Mechin, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Bayly, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Benjamin Cawood, junior, sheriff and collector of Charles county, was read the second time and rejected.

Mr. Keck brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the reverend Thomas Brown, of Dorset county; and the reverend Joseph Messenger, of Saint Mary's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of Joseph Cowman read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of the said Joseph Cowman, agreeable to the prayer of the petition.

Mr. W. Stevenson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of purchasers, &c.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into and report the names of the persons licensed by the governor and the council, as commissary-general, or quarter-master-general, or as deputy to either, to purchase provisions within this state, and into their conduct, and into the quantity of wheat, flour, or corn, purchased for public use, and the prices given; and further to enquire, if any abuses have been committed by any person purchasing wheat without licence, or by millers or others, under colour of purchasing the same for sale to the inhabitants;

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that a number of persons have been licensed by the governor and council to purchase provisions in this state for the army of the United States, under the act of assembly for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, &c. as will appear by the paper No. 1, herewith delivered in. It appears to your committee, by letters from colonel Blaine, deputy commissary-general for the middle department, and information of Conrad Theodore Wederstrandt, assistant commissary of purchases, herewith delivered in, No. 5 and 18, that said Wederstrandt in regard to the purchases he has made, has conducted himself according to the directions he from time to time received from said colonel Blaine, except as to the commission of 5 per cent. given to his deputies, on which head colonel Blaine has been silent, which your committee apprehend is not usually allowed by the commissary-general. It further appears to your committee, that Mr. Wederstrandt has employed several millers, and furnished some of them with money to purchase wheat and manufacture into flour, and that Messieurs Samuel M'Gee and Woolman Gibson the 3^d, millers, are to have the one tenth part of all the wheat they purchase for their commission and trouble in manufacturing, and are to deliver one hundred and twelve pounds of flour (all the ship stuff and bran) for every three bushels of wheat of the remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ by them respectively purchased with the public money. It further appears, that Mr. Wederstrandt has agreed to allow Abner Turner and James Seth, millers, for the flour they deliver, made of wheat purchased with their own money, the price of three bushels

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