

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 45

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the confiscation bill, &c. with amendments for which it had been committed. The amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill passed unanimously. Sent to the Senate by Mr. J. Henry, and Mr. J. Hanson.

The petition of sundry quakers, the report thereon, was read a second time, and the question was put, "That the house concur with the report?" The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. M'Comas, it was carried as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs. Jordan,	Job,	Deye,	M'Mechin,	Archer.	
Mackall,	E. Hall,	Hammond,	M'Comas,		
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs. Reed,	J. Hall,	Ward,	Quynn,	Dennis,	Cramphin,
Graham,	H. Ridgely,	Banning,	Chase,	J. Hanson,	Bayly,
Wilmer,	Freeland,	S. Hanson,	M'Gee,	Beatty,	Alexander,
Lethbury,	Williams,	Birkhead,	Bruff,	Gaunt,	Sprigg,
W. Stevenson,	Winder,	Williamson,	Ringgold,	Burgess,	Stall.
Worthington,	Dashiell,	Magruder,	Keene,		

So it was carried in the negative.

The petition of sundry people called quakers, in Baltimore county, was read a second time and referred to next session of assembly.

A petition of Nathaniel Martin, of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the treble tax, and other disabilities imposed by the act for the better security of the government, was preferred and read a first and second time and granted.

Mr. H. Ridgely brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom the petition of Basil Burgess was referred, beg leave to report, that your committee have examined into the facts set forth in the said petition, and find them to be true. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed per order of the committee, A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant to the prayer of the petition.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. Smith, Mr. Craufurd, and Mr. B. Hall, appeared in the house.

A letter from Richard Dallam, of the 24th instant, to his excellency the governor, being read, ORDERED, That a copy of the same be sent to the attorney-general, with the papers heretofore offered to be copied and transmitted to him.

The petition of John Wethered read a second time and rejected.

The bill, entitled, An act for building a bridge over Tuckahoe creek; was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bruff and Mr. Birkhead.

On progression on a second reading of the bill, entitled, An Act for encreasing the allowance to magistrates, &c. the question was put, That each juryman and witness attending the general court be allowed £. 11 5 per day. The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Henry Ridgely, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs. Reed,	Freeland,	Ward,	Birkhead,	Stricker,	Hammond,
Wilmer,	Williams,	Job,	Magruder,	Burgess,	M'Mechin,
Lethbury,	Smith,	Dert,	Bruff,	Cramphin,	Alexander.
Williamson,	Dashiell,	S. Hanson,	Keene,	Deye,	
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs. Mackall,	H. Ridgely,	E. Hall,	Ringgold,	Bayly,	Stall,
Worthington,	Fitzhugh,	Banning,	Dennis,	Barnes,	M'Comas,
J. Hall,	Winder,	Quynn,	Beatty,	Sprigg,	Archer.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill was then committed for amendments.

Mr. Hall brings in the said bill, with the following clause as an amendment:

And be it enacted, That the jurisdiction of the magistrate out of court shall be encreased to the sum of fifty pounds currency or the value thereof in sterling at four and six-pence per dollar, and that the same sum shall be recovered in the manner heretofore directed by the act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, passed at a session of assembly, begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on the sixteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-