

Gentlemen,

The Defining is near at an End, we esteem it our Duty to call your Attention to some Matters which we deem of great Importance. It is incumbent on the Legislature in all Circumstances, more particularly in the present, to retrench every useless Expence. We are of Opinion, the Mafos Companies in the City of Annapolis and Baltimore Town are of little or no Service, and they are certainly very expensive. They may render essential Services in the Continental Army, and we could wish, if you coincide with us in Opinion, that they might be joined to our Quota of Troops serving under his Excellency General Washington, and be taken into the pay of the United States. Considerable Sums of Money, we have been informed, may be raised by the Sale of the Ship Defence, the Gallies, and several other Articles and Materials belonging to this State. We submit to you, whether it would not be prudent to give a discretionary Power to the Governor and Council of all or such of the Gallies, and of other Articles, as they may judge proper for the Benefit of the State. By Order A. Ridgely S. Ten.

An Motion, That the Expences arising from the controverted Election for Talbot County be paid by the Sheriff of said County? Carried in the Negative

Negative

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| Messrs | } Marshall,
Lloyd,
Milmer,
Macculbin, | S. Hanson, | Jackson, | Algoldsbrough, | Purnell, | McComas, |
| | | Dent, | Maddux, | Prutt, | J. Hanson, | Keene, |
| | | Digges, | Eeloston, | Carmichael, | Bond, | Springg. |
| | | Polk, | W. Goldsbrough, | Mitchell, | | |

Affirmative

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| Messrs | } Worthington,
Strawbridge,
Woolford, | Deye, | Job, | Magruder, | Barnes, | Bayly, |
| | | Stevenson, | Evans, | Gibson, | Schnobely, | Luzum, |
| | | Ridgely, | Meall, | Noxis, | Cramphin, | Price. |
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The Message from the Senate by William Hindman, Esq^r was read a first and second Time, and referred to Mr. Algoldsbrough, Mr. Meall, and Mr. Lethbury who are to report thereon. Richard Barnes, Esq^r from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Relief of James Bartlett, of Talbot County, and the Reverend Bartholomew Booth of Frederick County, thus endorsed; By the Senate, March 25th 1779: Read the first Time & ordered to lie on the Table. By Order, A. Ridgely S. Ten. By the Senate March 25th 1779. Read the second Time by especial Order & with pass By Order, A. Ridgely S. Ten. Which was read & ordered to be engrossed. Mr. Maddux from Committee N^o 5 brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled An Act for removing sundry original Papers in the late Prerogative Office, to the several Orphan's Courts in this State, and such original Papers lodged in the late Secretary's Office as relate to suits in the General Court for the Eastern Shore; which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjourned till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridiem

The House met