

Which was read and concurred with, and Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next read itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into Consideration the several Matters mentioned in the said Report. The House appointed Mr. George Rankin Committee Clerk. Ordered, That the following qualified Mr. Digges being in due Obedience to the Speaker a Bill, entitled, a Supplement to the Act for the Establishment of select Articles; which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table. Ordered, That the Delegates of this State to Congress, who are in this City be requested to attend this House on to-morrow, at three of the Clock, to give the House such Information respecting the State of publick Affairs in Europe and America, as may be in their Power, and that once a week Members inform the Delegates that are not Members of this House of the above Request. Mr. Speaker, in consequence of the above Order, appointed Mr. J. Hall and Mr. Chaney to give the above notice.

Mr. J. Hall and Chaney report to the Honourable Speaker, that they have given Notice to the Delegates in Congress to attend agreeable to the Resolution of the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Jordan, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Holland be added to the Marine Committee &c.

Ordered, That Mr. Fitzhugh be added to the Committee of Grievances &c.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. Wootton, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Chaille, Mr. McBride, and Mr. Alexander, be a Committee to report the Contract entered into by the Superintendants for building the State House with Mr. Charles Wallace, and to inquire into and report whether the Contract hath been complied with by Mr. Wallace, and particularly whether the State 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 & report whether the Galleries have been erected agreeable to the Contract made with Mr. Wallace.

The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridies. 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 said Office, and other Testimony, proving a fraudulent Conduct 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 Tracts 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.

Thursday November 18th 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 State House, was read.