

Mr. Doye brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report

By the Committee of Elections and Privileges

Your Committee beg Leave to report to the honourable House of Delegates, that by the Certificate of the Sheriff of Washington County it appears, that Mr. John Stultz is duly returned a Delegate for said County

Signed per Order Com. W. H. M. Mercer Esq.

Which was read. Mr. Norris hath Leave of Absence until Monday next

The House adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock

Tuesday, December 7th 1779

The House met Present as on Yesterday, except Mr. Norris The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. B. Hall brings in & delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report

By the Committee to whom the Petition of Joseph Cowman was referred.

Your Committee in Obedience to the Order of the Honourable House, have enquired into the Facts contained in the Petition of the said Joseph Cowman, and thereupon report, that for Deeds and other written Vouchers produced to them, it appears that the said Facts are truly stated.

Your Committee also find, that the Land, Negroes, and other personal Property, belonging to the said Joseph Cowman, and exposed in the Hands of a certain Joseph Gill, of Montgomery County, a Nonjuror, amounts, according to the Appraisers Return, to £500 - and that the trouble Tax on that Sum, which the said Joseph Cowman hath paid, amounts to £21 - 10 - 0 -

Your Committee are therefore of Opinion, that two thirds of the said Tax ought to be refunded by the Collectors to the said Joseph Cowman, and that his Property in the Possession of the said Joseph Gill ought in future to be exempt from being taxable thereon. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House. Signed by Order Rich. Harwood, Esq. Com.

Which was read.

Mr. Windsor brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to incorporate the Managers of Back Creek School, which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Hall appeared in the House. The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock

Post Meridieum. The House met

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent defiling Grain with spirit; which was read the first Time & ordered to lie on the Table

The Report from the Committee appointed to enquire what Laws will require to be read the second Time. Ordered, That Mr. Lenthington, Mr. Strode, and Mr. M. Meekin, do prepare, & bring in Bills to revive & continue the Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies; the Act to regulate the Militia, and the Supplementary Acts thereto, the Act to encrease the Allowance of Magistrates, and for other Purposes therein mentioned; And the Act to continue the Act of Assembly for enlarging the Powers of the Governor and Council and for other Purposes therein mentioned

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act to raise the Supplies for the Year seventeen hundred and eighty; which was read the first Time & ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Reverend Thomas Brown of Dorchester County, praying to be allowed to take the Oath of Fidelity, was proposed and read a first & second Time by special Order and granted. Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of the said Petitioner

A Petition of Joseph Hopson of Saint Mary's County was proposed, and a first & second Time by special Order & granted. Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer thereof

The Bill, entitled, An Act for establishing the Mode of Ordination of Ministers of the Church of England for the present, was read the second Time, and the Question was put, 'That the said Bill do pass?' Carried unanimously in the Negative. The House adjourns till Tomorrow Morning 9 O'Clock