

arising from the sale of the Gallies, and as much of the military stores as the Governor and Council may judge superfluous, might be more usefully applied to the advantage of the State, than any business they are likely to render, are therefore of opinion, that it would conduce more to the real benefit of the State, to vest the Governor and Council with Powers to dispose of the same, than to continue an unnecessary and burthenome Expence to the Public, without any probable Expectation of an equal Return of Services. All which is submitted to the Consideration of the honourable House.

Signed per Order of the Commandos. Aylmer &

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Thomas Harrison, of Baltimore Duon, was read a second Time, granted, and Leave given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill pursuant thereto.

A Bill, entitled, An Act to empower Basil Burges, of Ann Arundel County, to sell the Lands therein mentioned, was read a first and second Time by especial Order, passed, and sent to the Senate, by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Hammonds.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of several Nonjurors in Baltimore County, which was read and granted.

Ordered, That Mr. John Bullen's Account be referred to Mr. Hays, Mr. Crauford, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Smith, to report thereon.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the Gallies &c. laid before the House a Paper delivered them in Writing by Doctor John Johnson, containing several Charges of mal conduct in Captain William Campbell, whilst in the Service and Day of this State. Ordered,

That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Druff, Mr. Chase, Mr. Archer, Mr. Bayly, Mr. Hoone and Mr. Cranphin be a Committee to enquire into the several Charges contained in the said Paper, and report thereon to the House.

The Report brought in by Mr. Gresham, the 3^d Instant, respecting Manufactories, and the Report by Mr. Hall, the 2^d Instant respecting the Auditor's Office &c. severally read the second Time, and, on Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill to appoint Commissioners for the purpose of enquiring into the Expenditure and Application of all public Money, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Ordered, That Mr. Henry, Mr. Hall, Mr. Druff, Mr. Watterston, Mr. Leitheney, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Tenthugh, do prepare and bring in the same.

The Report by Mr. Eccleston of the 26th of November, from the Committee of Claims, was read the second Time and concurred with.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq. from the Senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, An Act relating to deceased Persons Estates, thus endorsed; "By the Senate, November 25th 1779: Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table. By Order H. Ridgely C. Stand. By the Senate;

December 16th 1779 Reads the second Time with the proposed Amendments

By Order, H. Ridgely C. Stand.

Amendments proposed. Strike out the first enacting Clause. Strike out the word "and", in the beginning of the second Clause. After the word "enacted", in the same Line, insert the words "by the General Assembly of Maryland". Strike out the third enacting Clause.

Strike out from the word "State", in the 20th Line of the first Line of the first Page, to the word "in", in the 22nd Line of the said Page. After the word "Estate", in the 23rd Line of the first Page, insert the words "of deceased Persons." In the 23rd Line of the same Page, strike out the word "they". In the 24th Line of said Page, after the word "whole", insert the words "personal Estate". In the 24th Line of the same Page, after the word "Sale", insert the words "of the whole or a part of such personal Estate". After the word "or", in the same Line, insert the particle "a". After the word "Money", in the 2^d Line