

repairing the streets, and cleaning the dock, within the said city, the remaining one fifth to and for the ordinary and accustomed uses of the said corporation and city; and the said corporation and their successors are hereby authorized and empowered to lay and apply the monies to be raised by virtue of this act to the several uses and purposes therein mentioned, in such manner, at such times, and in such proportions, as they may judge most for the benefit and advantage of the said city; and they are hereby required annually to lay before the general assembly fair and distinct accounts of all the monies raised in virtue of this act, and of the expenditure thereof.

“ This act, so far as the same relates to the power given to the corporation of the city of Annapolis and their successors, to regulate ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof, and to reserve and lay fines on licences granted by the mayor's court of the said city, and to the mayor's court to grant licences to ordinary keepers and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and its precincts, under such regulations and rules as the said corporation and their successors may make; and so far also as the same relates to the powers given to the said corporation and their successors to lay a further tax, not exceeding five shillings on every hundred pounds of property within the said city and the precincts thereof, to continue from and after the end of this present session of assembly for and during the term of five years, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said five years.”

Mr. Crauford and Mr. B. Hall have leave of absence until Monday morning.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of sundry of the people called quakers, who had not taken the oath of fidelity from religious scruples of conscience, and therefore praying to be relieved from the treble tax; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Hanson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Alexander brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition respecting the glebe lands in St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, as follows:

THE committee appointed to enquire into and state the facts of the petition respecting the glebe lands in St. Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, report, That the facts set forth in the said petition are truly stated, and that the opening a new street agreeable thereto, and leasing out the several lots contained within the original lots in said parish, distinguished in the plat by the numbers 17 and 18, will bring a considerable annual income to the church, without prejudice either to the public or individuals. Therefore it is the opinion of your committee, that the prayer of the said petition be granted. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read and concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petition. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. M'Mechin, and Mr. Alexander, do prepare and bring in the same.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the establishment of select vestries, endorsed; “ By the senate, November 22, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

“ By the senate, December 11, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the county courts of Caroline county, endorsed; “ By the senate, November 26, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

“ By the senate, December 11, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

The bill, entitled, An act for the erecting new warehouses in the town of Bladensburg, endorsed; “ By the senate, December 11, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

“ By the senate, December 11, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

Which were severally read and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Mechin brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of William Gibbon, which follows in these words:

By