

The bill to declare and ascertain the privileges of the subjects of France residing within this state, was read with the amendments, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The report from the committee of claims on the treasury was read the second time and concurred with.

The report from the committee of claims on the account of Thomas Sollers was read the second time, and referred to Mr. M<sup>e</sup>Mechen, Mr. Chase, Mr. C. Ridgely, and Mr. Lethrbury, who are appointed a committee to bring in a bill to regulate the naval offices.

The message brought in by Mr. Earle was read the second time and agreed to.

The house adjourns till half past 2 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Fitzhugh appeared in the house.

The engrossed bills no 7 and 8, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. C. Ridgely and Mr. Johns.

The message by Mr. Earle this forenoon sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Birkhead. An account of James Ringgold, for damages done his house while occupied by the soldiery, was laid before the house and read, and referred to the auditor-general to take order therein.

An account of Jacob Reintzel, of Montgomery county, for damages done by the Virginia and Carolina soldiers, was laid before the house, read, and rejected.

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills No. 7 and 8, severally endorsed; "By the senate, April 12, 1780: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The order of the day, that the house will go into a first reading of the bill for the inspection of tobacco, is postponed until Saturday next.

The petition of Josias Shaw was read and referred to Mr. Magruder, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. B. Hall, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Lethrbury, who are appointed a committee to consider and report thereon.

The petition of William Bowie 3d was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, APRIL 12, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

WE should have taken up the bill for the seizure and confiscation of British property soon after we received it, but the thinness of the senate, and the expectation of having a much fuller house, induced us to postpone the second reading for some days. Friday next is appointed for taking it into consideration; you shall be made acquainted thereafter as soon as possible with the result of our deliberations.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

Robert Goldsborough and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the governor is waiting in the senate, ready to sign and seal the engrossed bills. Mr. Speaker left the chair, and attended by the members of this house went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto in presence of the members of both houses.

No. 3. An act to aid the proceedings of the commissioners of the tax, and for other purposes.

No. 4. An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly.

No. 5. An act to vest an estate of inheritance in fee simple of certain lands in Anne-Arundel county, in Basil Burges of the same county, and to enable him to sell or otherwise dispose of the same.

No. 6. A supplement to the act for the erecting new warehouses in the town of Bladensburg.

No. 7. An act for the relief of Robert Long.

No. 8. An act to declare and ascertain the privileges of the subjects of France residing within this state.

Mr. Speaker with the rest of the members returned and resumed the chair.

The order respecting a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, sent to the senate by Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. Dennis.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning half past 8 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, April 13, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Beatty, Mr. Gibson, and Mr. Banning. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Dennis has leave of absence until Saturday next. Thomas