Votes and Proceedings

OF THE

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STATE of MARYLAND.

MARCH SESSION, 1779.

Being the SECOND SESSION of this ASSEMBLY.

IS excellency the governor having, by his proclamation, convened the general assembly of the state of Maryland to meet on the second day of March, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, the following members, in consequence of the said proclamation, appeared in the senate, on the ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and seventy-nine.

Honourable DANIEL of St. THOMAS JENIFER, Esq. President,

Honourable (Matthew Tilghman,
Joseph Nicholson,
Charles Carroll of Carrollton,
Brice T. B. Worthington,
William Hindman,
Thomas Jenings, and
Richard Barnes,

Mr. Richard Ridgely having notified the refignation of his seat as clerk to the senate, Mr. Henry Ridgely was unanimously appointed.

Mr. Henry Ridgely appeared in the senate, and took the oath of fidelity and support, and sub-scribed the declaration of his belief in the christian religion, before Allen Quynn, Esq.

ORDERED, That Matthew Tilghman, Esq; acquaint his excellency the governor, that there is a sufficient number of members to proceed to business. Mr. Tilghman returned and informed Mr. President that he delivered the message.

A letter from the delegates in congress of this state to the honourable president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, was read and sent to the house of delegates; the petition of Thomas Contee, relative to his being attorney in fact for William and Robert Molleson, merchants in London, was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates; which were sent by Matthew Tilghman, Esq.

The petition of Thomas Lightfoot, praying to be released from Talbot county gaol, was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates; the application of sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, in behalf of James Bartlett, who had neglected to take the oath of fidelity, on account of his infanity, was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates; a letter from his excellency the governor, respecting the gallies cruising about the capes, for the protection