

Also a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Needles, of Talbot county, and Richard Clarke, of St. Mary's county, collectors of the tax, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

A petition from Thomas Harwood, Sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, praying a compensation for attendance in the chancery court and court of appeals, also that the sum of money to support the prisoners might be increased, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and, with the bill for the relief of John Needles, of Talbot county, and Richard Clarke, of St. Mary's county, collectors of the tax, sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Thomas Stone, Esq; communicates to the president a letter, resigning his seat as a senator, under hand and seal; which was read, and the senate having previously qualified, proceeded to the choice of a senator, and upon examination of the ballot box it appeared, that Richard Ridgely, Esq; had a majority of votes. Whereupon it is declared in the senate, that Richard Ridgely, Esq; is duly elected a senator, in the room of Thomas Stone, Esq; resigned. Mr. President is desired to communicate Mr. Ridgely notice of his appointment, and to desire his attendance immediately.

The senate adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 20, 1780.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Wilmer and Mills, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 13, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 20, 1780: Read and assented to.

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which engrossed bill was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 20, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

OUR consideration of the bill, entitled, An act for the confiscation and seizure of British property, has been long interrupted by a close attention to another very important object; we have now taken that bill again under our consideration, and being extremely desirous to settle, upon principles consistent with justice and the law of nations, the seizure of British property within this state, and being of opinion, that a conference on this subject will be the most expeditious way, and most likely to produce an uniformity of sentiment, on a point which has long engaged the attention of the legislature, we propose to confer with you on the bill for the seizure and confiscation of British property, and have nominated Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Brice T. B. Worthington, and John Henry, Esquires, to join any members you may please to appoint for that purpose.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

A letter from the president of congress, enclosing a resolution, recommending the commissioners in this state for supplying the army should correspond with the quarter-master-general, with a letter from Joshua Beall, of Prince-George's county, directed to the governor, informing him, that a number of the inhabitants of Prince-George's county intend petitioning against the return of Mr. Addison to the state of Maryland, and requesting him not to grant permission till that comes to hand, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messieurs Wright and Maccubbin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 20, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree to the conference proposed in your message by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; and have appointed Mr. T. Johnston, Mr. Chase, Mr. Stone, Mr. Hall, Mr. Potts, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Wright, to join the members named by your honours for that purpose.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

The senate adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

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