

Mr. Archibald Golder, Mr. W. H. M'Pherson, Mr. George Ranken, and Mr. John Callahan, were appointed committee clerks. ORDERED, That they qualify.

ORDERED, That Mr. John Henry and Mr. Earle wait on his Excellency the governor, and inform him, that this house is met and ready to proceed on business, and to receive any thing he may think proper to lay before them. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the message.

RESOLVED, That the hours of sitting during this session, for the dispatch of public business, be from half after eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from half after two till six.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Charles Ridgely, Mr. Earle, Mr. John Henry, and Mr. Worthington, be a committee to examine and inspect the returns of elections, and report whether they have been made agreeable to the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government.

That Mr. John Henry, Mr. Bruff, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Gaunt, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Winder, and Mr. Brown, be a committee of grievances and courts of justice, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

That Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Winder, Mr. Eccleston, Mr. Burges, Mr. Cramphin, Mr. M'Bryde, and Mr. Smoot, be a committee of claims, and to examine into the state of the treasury and loan-office.

That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Reed, Mr. Isaac Henry, Mr. Gaunt, and Mr. Gibson, be a committee to receive and examine any proposal for the establishment of manufactories, and to consider and report the best means for setting on foot manufactories and promoting the trade and commerce of this state.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Maccubbin, be a committee to enquire what laws have expired, or will expire during this session, or at the close thereof.

On motion, ORDERED, That the rules of last session be observed during this session.

The governor communicates to the house sundry letters and papers, as in the following list:

One letter from the president of congress of 30th December, 1779, containing copies of letters from general Washington, general Wayne, and major Henry Lee, jun. One letter from the same of 18th January, 1780, containing a copy of a memorial from the French minister, a copy of a letter from William Smith, a copy of a letter from the council to William Smith, a copy of a letter from Mr. Holker, and a recommendation of congress of the 17th January. One letter from the same of 18th January, containing resolves of the 13th and 14th January, relative to the prisoners of war. One letter from same, 10th February, containing a resolve of congress respecting the quota of troops deficient. One letter from same, 26th February, containing a resolve of congress of the 25th February, relating to supplies from the different states in provisions, &c. One letter from the delegates to congress of 29th December, 1779, containing a letter from major Lee, and a letter from general Smallwood. One letter from same of 6th January, containing a letter from major Lee and a return of the Partisan corps. One ditto from George Plater, Esq; 1st February. One ditto from delegates to congress, 23d February. One ditto from same, 7th March. One letter from the board of war, 27th December, 1779, containing a list of promotions in the army. One ditto from Benjamin Stoddert, of 23d February, containing a return of officers and men belonging to the state of Maryland attached, &c. One ditto from board of war, 7th March. One letter from Mr. Holker, 3d March, 1780. Three ditto from Chevalier de la Luzerne, 11th January and 3d and 10th February. Four ditto from Mr. Holker, 28th January, 9th February, and 3d March. Three letters from general Washington, 24th January, 19th and 26th February. One ditto from general Smallwood, 7th March. Two ditto from general Gift, 29th December, 17th January. One ditto from same, 12th February. One ditto from major Lee, 21st February. One ditto from colonel Peter Adams, 1st February. One ditto from officers in colonel Hazen's regiment, 12th February. One ditto from general Washington, 10th March. Two ditto from John Randall, 18th and 25th February. Two ditto from Dr. Bond, 23d January and 15th February. Three ditto from colonel Samuel Smith, 3d and 8th January and 4th February. Five ditto from William Smith, 3d and 27th January, 29th February, and 14th March. One ditto from Robert Smith, 2d February. Two ditto from governor Jefferson of Virginia, 26th December and 30th January. One ditto from Robert Harrison and others, commissioners of the tax for Dorchester county. Six ditto from Henry Hollingsworth, 15th and 26th January, 8th, 13th and 15th February, and 12th March. One ditto from Thomas Hughes, 2d March. One ditto from Patrick Ewing. A memorandum of Mr. Wederstrandt. A letter from captain W. M. Beall, 22d February. Ditto from Nicholas Manger, 9th February. Ditto from Samuel Chester, 28th February. Ditto from captain W. L. Beall, 29th February. Ditto from George Hamilton, 8th March. Ditto from William Beatty, jun. 9th March, with an account of money and list of recruits. Ditto from captain Joseph Marbury, 23d March. Ditto from general Smallwood, 9th March. List of recruits passed by James Brice, lieutenant of Anne-Arundel county. Letter from lieutenant

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