

On Motion of Mr. Hodgson for a Committee to be appointed to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech,

Mr. Hodgson, Mr. C. Stewart, Jun. and Mr. Macgowan, were accordingly appointed.

Adjourned till Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1796.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion of Mr. Hodgson, a Petition of Mr. Thomas R. Haszard, Merchant, complaining of an undue Election and Return for King's County, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Macgowan moved for Leave to bring in a Bill intituled "An Act to render valid Conveyances of real Estates of married Women, by them made, or to be made, during their Coverture."

Leave being given accordingly, the same was read a first and second Time, and ordered to be committed for To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Macgowan, Leave was given to bring in a Bill intituled "An Act for the better Regulation of Elections"—which was read a first Time.

Ordered to be read a second Time on Tuesday next.

Moved by Mr. Macgowan, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Laws that are near expiring, and report the same to the House.

Mr. Macgowan, Mr. Brecken, and Mr. Hodgson, were accordingly appointed for that Purpose.

On Motion of Mr. Hodgson, Leave was given to bring in a Bill intituled "An Act for repealing two several Acts, that is to say, an Act made and passed in the twenty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act for the Preservation of High-Ways; also an Act made and passed in the twenty-fifth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act to explain and amend an Act made and passed in the twenty-first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for the Preservation of High-Ways." Read a first and second Times, and committed for To-morrow.

Adjourned till Eleven o'Clock To-morrow.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1796.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

On Motion of Mr. Hodgson, the House came to the following Resolution:

That it be added to the standing Rules and Orders of this House, That any Member of the same who absents himself for two Sessions successively, without Leave first obtained of the House for that Purpose, his Seat shall be declared vacant—which Vacancy may be declared on the last Day of the second Session.

Pursuant to order the House went into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill intituled "An Act to render valid Conveyances of real Estates of married Women, by them made, or to be made, during their Coverture;" and also the Bill