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MARYLAND GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 1790.

Proceedings of Congreſs.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 2.

MR. GILMAN, of the joint committee for enrolled bills, reported, that the committee had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills—

1. An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties impoſed by law on goods, wares and merchandiſe, imported into the United States, and on the tunnage of ſhips or veſſels.

2. An act for the relief of John Steuart and John Davidſon.

3. An act to continue in force, for a limitted time, an act, entitled, An act for the temporary eſtabliſhment of the poſt-office.

4. An act making proviſion for the debt of the United States.

The above were then ſigned by the ſpeaker, and afterwards preſented to the preſident of the United States for his approbation.

The report of the ſecretary at war on the petition of lady Stirling, was read the ſecond time and agreed to.

The following reſolution was then paſſed, viz.

Reſolved, That there be paid to Sarah Stirling, the widow of the late major-general lord Stirling, the ſum of ſix thouſand nine hundred and ſeventy-two dollars, being the half pay of a major-general in the late American army for the term of ſeven years.

Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Thatcher and Mr. Aſhe, were appointed a committee to bring in a bill for the purpoſe.

Mr. Jackſon gave notice, that he ſhould, to-morrow, move for leave to bring in a bill to provide for the aſſumption of three hundred thouſand dollars ſtate debt, on account of the ſtate of Georgia, in addition to the ſum in the funding bill.

Mr. Ames moved, that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to declare the conſent of congreſs to an act of the ſtate of Rhode-Iſland, paſſed before the adoption of the conſtitution by that ſtate, laying a duty on tunnage for the purpoſe of enabling an incorporated company to improve the navigation of Providence river.

Mr. Smith, (M.) obſerved, that the proviſion ought to be general—There are, ſaid he, ſeveral other rivers in ſtates that have incorporated companies for the purpoſe of improving the navigation of thoſe rivers. He mentioned the Patowmack and Patapſco rivers.

After ſome debate the motion was amended by adding Savanna river in Georgia, and Patapſco river in Maryland, and then a committee was appointed, conſiſting of Mr. Ames, Mr. Jackſon and Mr. Seney, to bring in a bill.

The ſpeaker introdueed a letter from the treaſurer of the United States, encloſing his accounts for the laſt quarter.

The report of the committee on the petition of Henry Emanuel Lutterloh, was taken into conſideration. The report being in favour of the petitioner, conſiderable debate enſued. The report was finally negatived.

Mr. Parker gave notice that he ſhould to-morrow move for leave to bring in a bill to enable the ſtates of Virginia and North-Carolina to open an interior navigation between thoſe ſtates, by cutting a navigable canal.

Mr. Smith laid two reſolutions on the table reſpecting the diſpoſal of lands in the Weſtern territory during the receſs of congreſs. Adjourned.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 3.

Several petitions were read,

Mr. Parker's motion for leave to bring in a bill authoriſing the ſtates of Virginia and North-Carolina to open an inland navigation between thoſe ſtates, was taken into conſideration.

Conſiderable debate enſued reſpecting the propriety of congreſs interfering in a buſineſs of this kind;—a committee was finally appointed to bring in a bill, conſiſting of Mr. Burke, Mr. Parker, Mr. Williamſon, Mr. Steele and Mr. Wadſworth.

Mr. Jackſon (agreeable to notice given) moved that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill making further proviſion for the debts of the United States, ſo far as reſpects the debts of the ſtate of Georgia; this motion, after ſome debate, was agreed to, and a committee appointed.

Mr. Ames reported a bill declaring the aſſent of congreſs to certain acts of the ſtates of Rhode-Iſland, Maryland and Georgia, for laying a duty on the tunnage of ſhips or veſſels entering the ports of Providence, Patapſco and Savanna; this bill, after ſome amendments, and going through the cuſtomary forms, was ordered to be engroſſed for a third reading.

Mr. Jackſon, of the committee appointed for the purpoſe, reported a bill making further proviſion for the debts of the United States, ſo far as reſpects the debts of the ſtate of Georgia, which was read the firſt time.

Mr. Madiſon laid a motion on the table for appointing a committee to bring in a bill for adding two commiſſioners to the preſent board, appointed to ſettle the accounts between the United States and individual ſtates. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 4.

An engroſſed bill declaring the aſſent of congreſs to certain acts of the ſtates of Maryland, Georgia, Rhode-Iſland and Providence-Plantations, for raiſing a duty on the tunnage of ſhips or veſſels entering the ports of Patapſco, Savanna and Providence, was read the third time and paſſed.

A meſſage was received from the preſident of the United States, informing the houſe that two reſolves and four acts, which originated in the houſe, had received his aſſent, viz.—A reſolve reſpecting the pay of the clerks in the office of the commiſſioner of army accounts—A reſolve for defraying the expence of procuring ſeals for the ſupreme, circuit, and diſtrict courts of the United States. 1ſt. An act making proviſion for the debt of the United States. 2. An act to provide more effectually for the collection of the duties impoſed by law on goods, wares and merchandiſes, imported into the United States, and on the tunnage of ſhips or veſſels. 3. An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled, "An act for the temporary eſtabliſhment of the poſt-office. 4. An act for the relief of John Steuart and John Davidſon.

Mr. Madiſon, Mr. Vining and Mr. Wadſworth, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to add two commiſſioners to the board already eſtabliſhed for the ſettlement of the accounts between the United States and the individual ſtates.

The houſe went into committee on the bill further to make proviſion for the debt of the United States, ſo far as reſpects the aſſumption of the debt of the ſtate of Georgia; after ſome time ſpent thereon the committee roſe and reported certain amendments.

On the queſtion to order the bill engroſſed, it was negatived, and ſo the bill was rejected.

Mr. Madiſon, from the committee appointed, preſented, according to order, a bill to add two commiſſioners to the board for ſettling accounts. The houſe went immediately into committee on the ſaid bill, and after ſome debate it was agreed to; ayes 36, noes 19.

The committee roſe, and the bill was ordered to be engroſſed.

Mr. Boudinot reported a bill to ſatisfy the claims of the widow of the late major-general lord Stirling.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 5.

Two bills were paſſed to be engroſſed this day, viz. A bill making an appropriation to diſcharge the claim of Sarah Stirling, widow of the late major-general lord Stirling—A bill authoriſing the ſecretary of the treaſury to take meaſures for finiſhing the light-houſe at Portland Head, in the diſtrict of Maine—provided the expence ſhall not exceed 1500 dollars.

The bill for adding two commiſſioners to the board for ſettling the accounts between the United States and individual ſtates was paſſed.

A meſſage was received from the preſident of the United States, informing the houſe, that the act to provide more effectually for ſettling the accounts between the United States and the individual ſtates had received his aſſent.

Mr. Bloodworth's motion for appointing a committee to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal for a limitted time the 5th ſection of the act for eſtabliſhing the temporary and permanent ſeat of the government of the United States, was taken up.

Mr. Vining moved the previous queſtion on this motion, and, being ſupported by five members, the queſtion was taken, "ſhall the main queſtion be now put?" The yeas and nays were called. For putting the main queſtion—

Meſſieurs	AYES.		
	Benſon,	Huger,	Sylveſter,
	Bloodworth,	Huntington,	Smith, (M.)
	Burke,	Lawrence,	Smith, (S. C.)
	Floyd,	Leonard,	Sturges,
	Foſter,	Livermore,	Thatcher,
	Gerry,	Renſallaer,	Trumbull,
	Grout,	Schureman,	Wadſworth. 23.
	Hathorne,	Sevier,	
	NOES.		
	Ames,	Hartley,	Seney,
	Aſhe,	Heeſter,	Sherman,
	Baldwin,	Jackſon,	Sinnickſon,
	Brown,	Lee,	Steele,
Meſſieurs	Cadwalader,	Madiſon,	Stone,
	Carroll,	Matthews,	Sumpter,
	Clymer,	Moore,	Tucker,
	Coles,	P. Muhlenberg,	Vining,
	Fitzſimons,	Page,	White,
	Gale,	Parker,	Wynkoop,
	Gilman,	Partridge,	Williamſon. 35.
	Goodhue,	Scott,	

The houſe reſolved, that a ſurveyor-general, for the United States, be appointed, who ſhall forthwith proceed to the completion of the ſurveys of all lands heretofore ſold under the authority of the late congreſs.

A meſſage was received from the ſenate returning the bill further providing for the payment of the debts of the United States, to which they have made ſeveral amendments. The houſe proceeded to conſider the ſaid amendments, and made ſome progreſs therein.

A petition of A. Macomb and W. Edgar, reſpecting a contract they have made with the late congreſs for lands, was read and referred to the ſecretary of the treaſury. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 6.

The bill making an appropriation to diſcharge the claims of the widow Stirling, and the bill authoriſing the ſecretary of the treaſury to finiſh the light-houſe on Portland Head, were read the third time and paſſed.

Mr. Fitzſimons introduced the following reſolution: That the preſident of the ſenate, and the ſpeaker of the houſe of repreſentatives, be authoriſed to cloſe the preſent ſeſſion, and to adjourn the reſpective houſes on Monday next, to meet again on the firſt Monday in December next—on motion, Monday was ſtruck out, and Tueſday inſerted—A motion to expunge December, and to inſert March, occaſioned ſome debate, and was finally negatived.

Mr. Vining introduced a reſolution to the following purport, which was agreed to—That the ſecretary of the treaſury be directed, in the receſs of congreſs, to aſcertain the amount of the arrearages due to the invalid penſioners of the United States, and to the widows of deceaſed officers, and report at the next ſeſſion.

The amendments of the ſenate to the bill making further proviſion for the payment of the debts of the United States, were taken up. The houſe proceeded in the conſideration of the amendments; ſundry alterations were propoſed, but were not agreed to. A motion made by Mr. Smith, (S. C.) to ſtrike out twelve cents, the duty on ſalt, for the purpoſe of inſerting nine cents, occaſioned a conſiderable debate. The queſtion on ſtriking out was determined in the negative, ayes 28, noes 30.

The houſe went through the amendments, and agreed to the whole with very few alterations.

A meſſage was received from the preſident of the United States with the ratification, by the ſtate of New-Jerſey, of the amendments propoſed by congreſs to the conſtitution of the United States; New-Jerſey has ratified all the amendments except the ſecond and thirteenth.

A meſſage was received from the ſenate with the bill to compenſate Thomas Barclay for various ſervices—concurred in with amendments.

Mr. Vining reported a bill for the relief of Adam Caldwell, which was read the firſt and ſecond time.

Mr. Smith, (S. C.) moved for leave to bring in a bill for altering the times of holding the courts in South-Carolina and Georgia.———Adjourned till to-morrow ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 7.

The bill for appointing a ſurveyor-general was read a ſecond time, and, on the queſtion for engroſſing, was rejected.

The ſpeaker laid before the houſe a letter and report from the ſecretary of the treaſury, accompanied with ſtatements of additional ſums neceſſary to be provided for the ſupport of government, by farther appropriations. Alſo, informing the houſe, that a ſurplus, to the amount of one million of dollars, ariſing from the revenues of the preſent year, beyond the appropriations made by law, will remain in the treaſury, and ſuggeſting the propriety of applying the ſame towards buying up the public debt in the market.

The houſe went into committee on the ſaid letter and report, and came to the following reſolutions thereon:——

Reſolved, That the ſum of fifty thouſand dollars, out of the monies ariſing from the duties on imports and tunnage, be reſerved and appropriated for ſatisfying demands againſt the United States, not otherwiſe ſpecially provided for; and that an act for that purpoſe ought to be paſſed the preſent ſeſſion.

Reſolved, That out of the monies reſerved during the preſent ſeſſion for the ſupport of government, from the duties on imports and tunnage, a ſum not exceeding thirty-eight thouſand eight hundred and ninety-two dollars and 75-100 be appropriated for the payment of the debts contracted by Abraham Skinner, late commiſſary of priſoners, for the ſubſiſtence of the officers of the late army while in captivity.

Reſolved, That proviſions by law ſhould be immediately made for the application of the ſurplus ſum which ſhall remain in the treaſury after all the appropriations made during the preſent ſeſſion ſhall be ſatisfied, in conformity to the tenor of the report of the ſecretary of the treaſury.

The committee then roſe, and Mr. Fitzſimons, Mr. Vining, Mr. Madiſon, Mr. Ames and Mr. Benſon,