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of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and the bill, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Molleson, and William and Robert Molleson, or either of them, and apply the same; were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Bayly and Brogden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to appoint an intendant of the revenue and all public monies, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 20, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have agreed to all the amendments proposed to the bill to appoint an intendant of the revenue and all public monies, except your proposal to strike out the part which directs the orders on the treasury by the governor and council to be countersigned by the intendant, and empowers him to reject or curtail any account passed in the auditor's office; we esteem this power so essential, that we cannot receive the bill unless it be agreed to by your honours. We have returned the bill, and flatter ourselves that your honours will wave an amendment, which alone will prevent the passing of a law we esteem proper and necessary.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Martin Bulger, a languishing prisoner in Baltimore county gaol; and the bill, entitled, An act for an addition to Baltimore-town in Baltimore county; were severally read the second time by especial order and will pass.

The engrossed bill No. 23, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, the resolution respecting John Parran, the two above bills, and the bill, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, and the following message, sent to the house of delegates by John Smith, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 20, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE did not suppose that our amendment to the bill to regulate the militia would prevent the governor commanding the militia, with the advice of the council, but would exempt him from common militia duty; but as we presume this will not be required of him, and the governor has not been exempt by former laws, we agree to recede from our amendment so far as respects the exemption to the governor. As the other characters mentioned in our amendments are exempted by the law now in force, and we think it proper that they should be exempted in the manner proposed by us, we cannot recede from the other part of the amendment, and beg that you will consider the justice of adding the burthen of militia duty to characters in civil office, some of which are already too much burthened by an execution of their office, and others who must necessarily devote their whole time and attention to the public service in the civil line; you will also reflect, that the performance of militia duty may be incompatible with the execution of the civil office. If upon reconsideration you should adopt our amendment, leaving out the governor, and also the other amendments referred to, we agree that the bill shall pass, otherwise we had rather the present laws should remain in force.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

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

M O N D A Y, January 21, 1782.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The bill, entitled, An additional Supplement to an act to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and, with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by James M^cHenry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 21, 1782.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are desirous of conferring with you upon the subject of the amendment proposed by us to your bill for appointing an intendant, which you have not agreed to. We esteem the bill to be proper and necessary, and have no doubt but the subject of difference may be easily settled to mutual satisfaction, and have appointed Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and James M^cHenry, Esquires, to meet any gentlemen you may nominate for the purpose.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Messieurs Brevard and Miller, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

By