

NOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 5

Mr. Chase, one of the conferees appointed by this house, reports to Mr. Speaker as follows:
At a conference of both houses of assembly, appointed to ascertain what force would be sufficient to suppress the insurrection in Somerset and Worcester counties,

WERE PRESENT,

JOSEPH NICHOLSON, and WILLIAM PACA, Esqrs. senators;
JEREMIAH T. CHASE, JOHN HENRY, and PENELOPE LETHBRURY, Esqrs. delegates.

Who made choice of William Paca, Esq; chairman, and Mr. John Johnson, clerk.

YOUR conferees, having taken into consideration the force already ordered by congress to suppress the said insurrection, and also the force ordered for the said purpose by the council of safety of this state, are of opinion that the said force, amounting by a probable calculation, to upwards of seventeen hundred men, including a matross company with two field pieces, is sufficient to suppress the said insurrection.

Signed by order of con.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

Which was read, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That a copy of the above be delivered by the conferees of this house to the conferees of the senate.

Mr. Chase has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

On motion, RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the council of safety be directed to send immediately two armed cutters to cruize between Cape Hatteras and Chinkoteague Inlet, for the purpose of gaining early intelligence to all vessels bound to this state of the ships of war now stationed in the bay; and that the commander of each cutter, upon producing a certificate (in which the tonnage of the vessel shall be specified) signed by the captain of any inward bound vessel, and making oath that the said certificate was fairly obtained, that he has actually received such information, shall be entiled to receive of this state, at the rate of one shilling per ton for every vessel not exceeding one hundred tons, and for every vessel upwards of one hundred tons seven pounds ten shillings, exclusive of his ordinary wages, as a reward and encouragement for his activity in the service.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, FEBRUARY 10, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Chase. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. James Jordan, Mr. William Thomas, and Mr. Athanasius Ford, delegates returned for Saint Mary's county, Mr. James Kent, a delegate returned for Queen-Anne's county, and Mr. Christopher Edelen, a delegate returned for Frederick county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, they took their seats.

On motion, RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office; and Mr. Kent, Mr. Beall, and Mr. Jordan, were elected a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Horsley and Mr. Stone have leave of absence.

ORDERED, That this house will, this afternoon, take into their consideration the rank of the regular troops belonging to this state, and the return of officers made by the commissioners appointed to go to the camp, by the late convention.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them of the resolution of Saturday last, relative to the security of the trade and commerce of this state; and it being prepared accordingly, in the words following, was sent to the senate by Mr. Chaille and Mr. Maxwell.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 10. 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE herewith send you a resolve of this house, relative to the security of the trade and commerce of this state, for your concurrence.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. John Selby, a delegate returned for Worcester county, and Mr. Elisha Williams, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared in the house, and after having qualified agreeable to the constitution and form of government, in presence of Mr. Speaker and the other members, they took their seats.

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