

Mr. Bruff brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state.

The message brought in yesterday by Mr. Galloway, together with the bill to which it relates, sent to the senate by Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Lethbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate, quitrents, and land-office, of the late lord proprietary.

On a second reading the petition of Robert Long, and considering the resolves of former conventions with regard to the appeal carried on by the Principio company against him, the question was put, That this house will make provision against abatement of said appeal by the death of the petitioner? Resolved in the affirmative.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve of yesterday, relative to the rank of the military officers of this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 11, 1777: Read and assented to with the amendment herewith sent.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Amendment proposed by the senate to the resolve abovementioned.

After the word "Washington," add the following: "That commissions be made out and the officers act according to the roster of rank agreed to by the general assembly, until such rank is settled by general Washington. That this resolution, together with all former resolutions of convention respecting the rank of military officers, and the arrangement and roster of rank agreed to by this assembly, be sent to general Washington, in a joint letter from the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates."

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which amendment was read and assented to.

RESOLVED, That Messieurs Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, William Wilkins, and John Johnson, or any two of them, be and are hereby appointed a board of auditors for the purposes herein after mentioned, and the said board shall meet as soon as possible, and qualify before some justice of the peace, by taking the oath of fidelity to this state, and an oath well, diligently and faithfully, to execute the duty of their office agreeable to this resolve, and by subscribing their belief in the christian religion, and shall appoint their clerk. That the business of the said board shall be to attend on the Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in every week, and oftener if required; to take into their care and possession the books, papers, and accounts of the late board of accounts, and continue the same in the best and plainest manner; to audit and state all accounts and sums of money due from or to this state; to audit and pass all accounts against this state, if in their judgment they are just, and to reject or correct such charges they may think are unjust; to transmit all accounts by them settled, with the respective balances struck, to the governor and the council, or the council, for their examination and controul; to keep and state, and lay before the governor and the council, the accounts of this state against congress, and against the agents of this state in foreign parts; to call on all persons that have had public monies advanced to them by order of the late conventions, councils of safety, this general assembly, or the governor and council, for an account of the expenditure thereof; to call on all persons who shall hereafter have public monies advanced to them, to render an account of the expenditure thereof; to call on the late treasurers under the old government, to render an account of their proceedings, and the balances in their hands respectively, if any; to call on the late committees of observation to render an account of the sums of money by them respectively received for fines imposed on non-enrollers; to call on collectors of fines to render an account of all monies by them respectively received; to render a true and perfect account of all their proceedings to the house of delegates, when required; to keep secret all such matters and things as they shall be enjoined to keep secret by the house of delegates, or the governor and the council.

That the clerk take an oath of fidelity to this state, and subscribe a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and also take an oath truly, honestly, and diligently to execute his office, and true entries make of all such matters and things as he shall be directed by the board, and not to divulge any matter or thing which he shall be enjoined by the said board to keep secret.

That each of the said auditors be allowed a yearly salary, at the rate of two hundred and twenty-five pounds current money, for his services and expences.

That there be allowed to their clerk a yearly salary, at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five pounds current money, for his services and expences.

On a second reading the report from the committee appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session, on motion, leave given to bring in a bill to continue all the laws in the said report mentioned, except that which relates to the support of an organist in King and Queen Parish in Saint Mary's county. ORDERED, That Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Maddox, and Mr. Brice, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Brice brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resumed the consideration of the salaries of the civil officers of government, and thereupon RESOLVED, That there be allowed to the chancellor of this state a yearly salary, at the rate of three hundred pounds current money,

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