

of July, 1775, which your committee have received and burnt. It also appears by the accounts of the said treasurer, that he hath paid to sundry persons the sum of £. 4,259 9 6, for which several payments he hath produced to your committee the necessary vouchers and receipts; and that after allowing the sum of £. 87 10 for his salary to the 17th of November, 1778, there remains a balance in his hands belonging to this state of £. 19,575 19 4½.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order,

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the chevalier d'Anmour, of the 30th of November, 1778, directed to the honourable the president of the senate. Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 3, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday, except Mr. Chaille, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. S. Hanson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. H. Ridgely and Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

In reading that part of the proceedings of yesterday relative to a letter received from his excellency the governor, which said letter relates to Job Garretson and John Botts, and a letter from the said Garretson to his excellency the governor, the question was put, That the said letters, which follow in these words:

Gentlemen,

I BEG leave to lay before you the enclosed letter from capt. Job Garretson, of col. Darby Lux's battalion of militia in Baltimore county, and his certificate of the service of John Botts, who was hired as a substitute in the stead of William Moore, enrolled as a private in col. Moale's battalion.

When the enemy came up the bay in August 1777, the militia in Baltimore county were not classed agreeable to the act of assembly; it was thought absolutely necessary, that a considerable body should be marched with all expedition. It was proposed that the officers should ballot for the number required to march, and capt. Wilkinson, as I was then informed, personally agreed to the mode, and actually drew for himself, notwithstanding which he refused to march. I therefore advised a substitute should be hired in his stead, and being informed that the company which was to have been commanded by capt. Wilkinson would willingly march under capt. Garretson, and no other captain, and that capt. Garretson would go for £. 150 and nothing less, I advised col. Lux to agree with him for that sum, and I have understood that Garretson performed the service much to col. Lux's satisfaction, who commanded the battalion which marched from Baltimore county.

William Moore, I have been informed, appealed, and was discharged by the court; wherefore John Botts has not received, though he well deserved and much wants, his substitute money. Capt. Wilkinson has been distrained for the £. 150, and has also appealed; the appeal, as capt. Garretson informs me, is not yet determined. I flatter myself that the circumstances of these cases will sufficiently recommend them, and that as the public receives a considerable balance for substitute money, the real services of these men will not go unrewarded.

12 November, 1778.

TH. JOHNSON.

Sir,

11th November, 1778.

LA S T year, when the fleet came up, I received orders to march my company to Baltimore immediately, which I did; and all the other officers of colonel Lux's regiment did so likewise; and we were then threw into eight classes; and as several of the commissions issued in one day, it was hard to know the rank of the different companies. The colonel then applied to the council for their instructions how to proceed, and, as he informed me and the rest of his officers, they thought it best for the whole of them to draw for their rank, which the captains readily agreed. It was done, and it fell to captain John Standiford to go in the first class, and captain William Wilkinson to go in the second, who in a day or two refused to go at any rate; immediately the officers and men that fell into that rank refused to march with any of the other officers in the battalion, unless I would go with them; the colonel then applied to me to take charge of the company, and as I thought it would not do to let the country's cause suffer if I could be of service, I agreed to go if Mr. William Wilkinson would give me one hundred and fifty pounds. The colonel then came with me to your excellency, and it was agreed that I should have the aforesaid sum if I would perform the duty that Mr. Wilkinson was to do, all which I have done as far as lay in my power. A warrant issued to the sheriff, who neglected to do it till the last August court,