

RESOLVED, That all petitions referred from the last session of assembly, preferred by individuals, in cases that do not require immediate dispatch, shall be and are hereby referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly, and that the parties attend on the same days of the next session respectively, that have been heretofore assigned them in the present session.

A representation from the commissioners of the tax in Dorchester county, setting forth, that the act for the assessment of property did not come to hand so as to enable them to comply fully with the directions thereof, and having taken a bond from the collector with which they conceive he cannot comply, pray that an act may pass to aid their proceedings, and relieve the collector, was laid before the house and read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Caufin, Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Wright, and Mr. F. Gaunt, be a committee to consider and report upon the letters and returns from the commissioners of the tax for the several counties.

Mr. Shaw appeared in the house.

RESOLVED, That the letters and acts of congress, and other letters and papers connected therewith, relative to the supply of money and other necessaries for carrying on the present just and necessary war, be taken into consideration on Tuesday next in a committee of the whole house.

Mr. Hindman has leave of absence.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met, and adjourned till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 28, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Hindman. Mr. Key and Mr. Cadwalader appeared in the house. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the quantity of cloathing provided by the governor and council for the new levies, what sum of money will be necessary to supply the officers, and what cloathing will be immediately necessary for the troops to be forwarded to the southern army, and of the speediest and properest way of raising the said money and cloathing; and that Mr. Scott, Mr. T. Johnson, and Mr. Wright, be the said committee.

Mr. M'Mechen has leave of absence.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Benson Stainton, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

Mr. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the quantity of cloathing, &c.

YOUR committee, on enquiry, find, that there is in the care and under the conduct of the commissary of stores, at Annapolis, 107 cloth overalls, 190 linen overalls ready made, and 134 pair worsted hose, blue cloth on hand for 80 coats, and white cloth on hand for 100 waistcoats; and in the hands of the tailors, expected to be finished in a few days, 260 cloth coats, 170 cloth waistcoats, and 290 linen overalls.

That by the information of colonel Adams, there are now in the state about 200 old soldiers, and that from the returns from Kent, Talbot, Harford, Montgomery, Queen-Anne's, Calvert, and Caroline counties, and partial returns from Dorchester and Baltimore counties, there are raised in those counties under the late act, 161 recruits, 127 draughts, and 16 substitutes, and that there are no returns yet made from the other counties.

That supposing there are 500 men now in the state, whose march is delayed for want of cloathing, and your committee believe there is that number, they have formed the following estimate.

	500 cloth coats.			
	340 except facing for 80, on hand.			
Remains	160 at $1\frac{3}{4}$ yards of $\frac{6}{4}$ cloth, 280 yards at 30s.	-	-	420 0 0
	Scarlet for facing 240 coats, 48 yards at 50s.	-	-	120 0 0
	Shalloon for 160 coats, 400 yards at 12s6.	-	-	250 0 0
	Buttons for 240 coats, 480 dozen,	-	-	60 0 0
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