

On motion by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Norris, the question was put, That the members of the general assembly be exempted from militia duty, except in time of invasion? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bowie seconded by Mr. Griffith appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

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| Messrs: Stone, Courts, Ridgely, | Hindman, Stevens, Smoot, | Courfey, Chafe, | Quynn, Norris, | Smithson, Keene, | M'Mechen, Fell. |
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N E G A T I V E.

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| Messieurs Cadwalader, Lloyd, B. Worthington, N. Worthington, Hall, | Brogden, Wilkinson, S. Worthington, Sherwood, Job, | Brevard, Miller, Bowie, Magruder, Kent, | Seney, Sewell, Ogle, Duvall, Beatty, | Taylor, Wheeler, Hopper, Chapline, | Sprigg, Burgefs, Griffith, Oneale. |
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So it was determined in the negative.

The order of the day for the further consideration thereof is postponed till to-morrow morning.

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 9, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill for the relief of the family of William Edmiston, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Job and Mr. Miller.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the defence of the state from the enemy's barges and cruisers, endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, January 9, 1783: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Amendments proposed.

At the end of the first clause in the second page, insert, "provided that the fitting out of the whole or any part of the force allotted for the defence of the state be left to the discretion of the governor and council."

After the word "four" in the fifteenth line of the third page insert "or during the war."

In the first line of the fifth page strike out the word "purchased" and insert "procured."

In the twelfth line of the eighth page strike out the word "ten" and insert "six."

In the fifteenth page strike out the last clause.

In the seventeenth page strike out the preamble and the whole clause.

Insert at the end of the bill, "And be it enacted, That the duties imposed by this act shall continue for one year, unless the duty of five per cent. shall be granted to congress by the several states, and sooner take place."

Which were read, and the following message prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Courts.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 9, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house cannot take into consideration the amendments proposed by your honours to the bill for the defence of the state from the enemy's barges and cruisers, because we are clearly of opinion that the said bill is a money bill, and by our form of government your honours can only give your assent or dissent to it, and we therefore return it to you for that purpose.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Norris, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill proposing to the citizens of this state, creditors of congress on loan-office certificates, to accept this state for payment on the terms therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative; and Mr. Chase, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. S. Worthington, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker for that purpose.

Mr. S. Worthington brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report on the petition of James Bruce, Esq; YOUR committee having well considered the petition submitted to them by the honourable house, beg leave to report their opinion on the same. They think with the petitioner, that the case