

most convenient place for a court house and prison in the said county, be the same as of voters for representatives in this convention.

Mr. Murray appeared in the house.

*Ordered*, That no person who has refused or neglected to subscribe the association (unless from religious principles) be permitted to come within the doors of this house during the sitting of the convention.

The convention took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to consider of the letter and resolutions of congress of the sixteenth, eighteenth and nineteenth of September last, and thereupon came to the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, That the eight battalions required by congress to be raised by this state, exceeds its just quota, being as they presume, founded on a calculation of white and black inhabitants of both sexes and of all ages, whereas the quotas of men to be raised by the several states, ought to be in proportion to the number of white inhabitants only in each state respectively.

That this state ought not to comply with the proposed terms of granting lands to the officers and soldiers, because there are no lands belonging solely and exclusively to this state; the purchase of lands might eventually involve this state in an expense exceeding its abilities, and an engagement by this state to defray the expense of purchasing land, according to its number of souls, would be unequal and unjust.

That this state desirous of exerting the most strenuous efforts to support the liberties and independence of the United States, will therefore use its utmost endeavours to raise the eight battalions required (including the troops already raised and in the service of the United States) as soon as possible.

That for this purpose this state will give a bounty of ten dollars to each non-commissioned officer and soldier who will enlist in the service of the United States for the war, in lieu of the hundred acres of land offered to them by congress.

That four commissioners be appointed to repair to the camps in the Jerseys and New York, and there obtain a list of such of the officers in the regular troops and flying camp from this state, now in the service of the United States, as are willing to engage in the service during the war; and also to enlist or cause to be enlisted all or every of the said regular troops or flying camp militia in the service of the United States during the war, continuing the regular battalion and forming the independent companies into a battalion, and filling both up according to the continental establishment; and