

we apprehend cannot be finally adjusted without consulting the field officers, and knowing the success of the recruiting sergeants.

By order,

G. DUVALI, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smithson and Mr. Downes from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE have taken into our consideration the memorial of Thomas Jaram, transmitted from you, to our house, and are of opinion that Mr. Jaram deserves the attention of the general assembly; we are informed that there is a vacancy of a captain in one of the companies of artillery raised for the defence of this city and state, have agreed to promote him to the command of the said company, and wish for your honours concurrence therein.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, and in answer, the following message, was sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esquire.

By the SENATE, February 21, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE concur with your proposal of appointing Thomas Jaram captain of an artillery company stationed in this city.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

On reading a second time the message from the house of delegates by Messieurs Craufurd and Magruder, the following message, in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esquire.

By the SENATE, February 21, 1777.

Gentlemen,

IMPRESSED with the necessity of giving all the dispatch in our power to the final settlement of the rank of officers in the battalions to be raised by this state, we assent to the arrangements made by the committee of both houses, as amended in your house, and to the resolutions contained in your message by Messieurs Craufurd and Magruder.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. Bowie and Mr. Tillard from the house of delegates, bring in and deliver to Mr. President the following message :

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 21, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have come to the resolve herewith transmitted, relative to the Somerset and Worcester insurgents; should your honours concur with us, the resolve may be communicated to the council of safety

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

In the HOUSE of DELEGATES, February 21, 1777.

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that it be recommended to the council of safety to hear the case of all or any of the insurgents in Somerset and Worcester counties, arrested by order of the general assembly, or otherwise, who may apply to them to be bailed, and that they have full power to let out on bail all such persons that may have been guilty of offences, in their natureailable.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till next day 3 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY, February 22, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. The same members present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On reading a second time the message from the house of delegates by Messieurs Bowie and Tillard, the following message, in answer, was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esquire.

By the SENATE, February 22, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE cannot concur in your message by Messieurs Bowie and Tillard, because we are of opinion, that, though many of the insurgents may only have been guilty of offencesailable by law, yet we are apprehensive danger might arise to the state from letting such offenders altogether at liberty to return to their habitations, whereby all opportunity would again be afforded them