

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

RESOLVED, That forty shillings per day, besides itinerant charges, be allowed to each member of the general assembly during his attendance in assembly.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Polk and Maccubbin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the officers and men of the artillery companies in the service of this state, be allowed the same pay that the officers and men of the continental artillery are entitled to, and that the officers of the said companies have and enjoy the same privileges the officers of the continental artillery enjoy.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Brice and Norris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 12, 1778.

May it please your honours,

WE have agreed to your amendment for continuing the bill, entitled, An act to prevent distilling grain into spirit, until the first day of July next, but have disagreed to your other amendments, the effect of which we take to be, that the act shall commence on the 10th of January, liable to be suspended by the governor and council, unless similar laws pass in the neighbouring states before that time, until twenty days after they have given notice that such laws have passed in all the said states. We do not incline to deprive our own people of any advantages they may have by their industry to raise money for defraying the taxes they are likely to be burthened with, and therefore do not wish to leave them in a state of incertainty, or that the act should take place to their prejudice, when our neighbours may leave themselves at large by passing no such laws. We are willing however to shorten the time of notice from thirty to twenty days, in conformity to the opinion your honours entertain that twenty days is sufficient time for notice by proclamation. And the bill may pass for engrossing, if you agree that it shall stand as it now does as to the commencement, changing the notice from thirty to twenty days, and having continuance to the first of July next.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The resolution of the house of delegates relative to the salaries of the civil officers of this state was read and assented to; the resolution relating to the encrease of the pay of the sergeant at arms, messenger of the senate, door keepers of both houses, and the assistant clerks of the house of delegates, was read and assented to; the resolution empowering the governor and council to transmit to the officers of this state, now in the continental service, the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, was read and assented to; the resolution encreasing the salary of the clerks of the council, clerks of both houses of assembly, deputy auditor, and clerk of the loan-office, was read and assented to; the resolution for encreasing the allowance of the members of the general assembly was read and unanimously dissented to; the resolution for encreasing the pay of the artillery companies of this state to the continental pay; and allowing them the same privileges, was read and assented to. The several foregoing resolutions were sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

Matthew Tilghman, Robert Goldsborough, and William Hindman, Esquires, have leave of absence.

On motion, leave was given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, and Thomas Jennings, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president the same.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq;

By the SENATE, December 12, 1778.

Gentlemen,

ALTHOUGH we think the amendment proposed by this house would have been productive of salutary effects, yet considering that the bill, entitled, An act to prevent distilling grain into spirit, in the form agreed to by your message, may conduce to the public benefit, we shall not persist in our amendment, and therefore consent to pass it in the manner proposed.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

Messieurs Thomas and Mason from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

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