

38 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1779.

RESOLVED, That an allowance of one thousand pounds be made to the clerk of the general court, seven hundred and fifty pounds to the register of wills, seven hundred and fifty pounds to the register in chancery, and five hundred pounds to the register of the land office, for alphabetically and methodically arranging the books and papers in their several offices.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1779.

Whereas by the resolution of the 15th of August last (on commodore Grafon's memorial) it was intended to augment and encrease the pay of the officers and sailors in the service of this state on the establishment of the 21st of April, 1778, for the regulation of the pay aforesaid; and whereas it is represented, that by the resolution of the 15th of August last, the pay of the officers and sailors has been greatly diminished, contrary to the intent and meaning of the general assembly; and whereas the commodore hath, since the passage of the resolution last aforesaid, paid off and discharged several of the men, according to the resolution of the 21st of April, 1778, considering in the interposition of the legislature; and it being just and reasonable, that the commodore should be indemnified: Therefore RESOLVED, That the commodore be allowed in his account for the monies paid by him to the several sailors paid off and discharged as aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That there be an addition of fifty per cent. to the pay of the officers and sailors on the establishment made on the 21st of April, 1778, and that when the officers and sailors now in the service of this state shall be paid off, the same shall be done according to this resolution, and the pay aforesaid shall commence on the 15th of August last.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 29, 1779.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The resolution relative to the officers and sailors in the service of this state; the resolution relative to the recruiting officers sent from camp; were severally read and assented to.

The engrossed bill No. 34, with the paper bill thereof, was, together with the foregoing resolutions and following message, sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 29, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

IN answer to your message by Messieurs Jordan and Birkhead, we agree that the time, beyond which the bills of credit proposed to be called in, shall not be redeemable, shall be altered from the first of September to the first of June next, but cannot recede from the other amendments objected to, because the bill itself suggests a precariousness in the payment of the bills of exchange to be drawn for payment of the bills of credit proposed to be called in, and it is therefore unreasonable that the endorser should be burthened with the damages accruing on protests. We are very desirous of rising to-day, that the opportunity now afforded by the mildness of the weather of returning to our respective homes may be embraced, and request the utmost dispatch may be given to the business now remaining to be finished.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The resolution relative to the allowance made to several civil officers was read and dissented to, and with the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 29, 1779.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected your resolution respecting an allowance to the clerk of the general court, register of wills, register in chancery, and register in the land-office, because the services do not appear to us to have been performed. We think it very necessary that the books and papers in those several offices should be properly arranged and alphabets made where they are wanted, and are willing the public faith should be engaged to make ample satisfaction for such services, when they are performed; but we think it improper, for many obvious reasons, to make any allowances for services before they are done. Should you judge it proper to send us a resolution, engaging the public faith, as above mentioned, it will have our ready assent.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Messieurs Worthington and Beatty, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of certain nonjurors, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 29, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

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