

The bill, entitled, An act for licensing and regulating ordinary keepers, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Sim, Esq; Messieurs Jordan and Ringgold, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 6, 1780.

RESOLVED, That his Excellency the governor be allowed a salary of four thousand five hundred bushels of wheat per annum, to commence from the eighth day of November last, any former resolve to the contrary notwithstanding, and that the said salary be discharged in continental money, in the following manner, to wit: Two thousand two hundred and fifty bushels of the said wheat at the rate of seventeen pounds ten shillings per bushel, and the residue at the current price hereafter to be settled by the general assembly, and that the salary heretofore granted be considered and taken as in part payment of the one allowed by this resolve.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Messieurs Chase and Sprigg, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act for bringing into the treasury the sum of twenty million five hundred and forty thousand dollars, and sinking the same, according to the requisition of congress, with the following message :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 6, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

YOUR message of this day by William Hindman, Esq; is, in our opinion, irregular, it being contrary to the practice of either house to return a bill on the first reading, and repugnant to the 22d article of our form of government, which declares, that the senate can only give their assent or dissent to money bills.

This house conceive the two clauses, your honours propose to separate from the bill, pertinent and necessarily connected therewith; the intention of the bill being to call out of circulation our quota of the bills of credit heretofore emitted by congress, and which are by law a legal tender, and to give in exchange other bills of credit, which are by the bill sent up made a tender, and we think with great propriety, during the present scarcity of gold and silver, to prevent oppression, a clause of tender having generally been inserted in bills of a similar nature even during the old government, until our legislature were restrained by act of parliament.

The clause pledging our faith, as in the bill, was inserted, to give credit and confidence to the new emissions, and therefore properly connected with a bill by which they are emitted and made current.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read.

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

SUNDAY, May 7, 1780.

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

Sundry letters from the president of congress, one enclosing a resolution respecting a supply of cloaths being allowed the medical and staff officers, were read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

Messieurs Lethbrury and C. Ridgely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 7, 1780.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and requested to advance not exceeding three thousand dollars to each officer of the line and staff of the Maryland division, to enable them to bear their expences on their march to the southward, and that the same be charged to congress, and that a list of the officers and the sums by them received be returned to the paymaster and the continental board of treasury.

That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to send to the collectors of the counties where the five pound tax has been assessed, to make immediate payment.

That the governor and the council be authorized and requested to make application to the inhabitants of Baltimore-town, for a loan of two hundred thousand pounds, to be returned out of the first money which comes into the treasury, which at farthest will be in three weeks.

That the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts be directed to call on the several collectors to make immediate payment, and in case of neglect to put their bonds in suit,

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