

and annexed to the regiment commanded by colonel Harrison, of the Virginia corps of artillery, or to some other in the continental army.

RESOLVED, That the same be formed into four companies, with proper officers belonging to this state to command them, and that the governor and council be requested to communicate the above resolutions to congress as soon as may be, that the same may be carried into immediate effect and execution.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which were read and assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Mr. Henry Ridgely having notified by letter the resignation of his clerkship to the senate, Mr. James Maccubbin was unanimously appointed.

Mr. James Maccubbin appeared in the senate, and took the oath of fidelity and support, and also the oath of office, before Allen Quynn, Esq; which oath was produced and filed.

Messieurs Jordan and Harrison, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 9, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN clk.

" By the house of delegates, May 9, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, May 10, 1780.

THE senate met, present the same members as on yesterday, except Robert Goldsborough, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Alexander Frazier was appointed an assistant clerk to the senate, and qualified by taking the several oaths required. A certificate of his qualification was produced and filed.

Messieurs J. Stevenson and Ward, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to repeal a resolve of convention, respecting the officers and soldiers of this state, and declaring their privileges, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 8, 1780: " Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, May 10, 1780: Read the second time and will not pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the assessment of property within this state, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

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, was read the second time, unanimously rejected, and with the following message sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, MAY 10, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,

NOT having been able to prevail with you to separate the clauses, pledging the faith of this state to pay the convention money and state certificates without abatement or discount, and to make the new bills of credit a legal tender, from 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, by the mode we judged most agreeable to our constitution, we return it with our negative; and as on a past occasion, far less important than the present, the house of delegates did, at the request of the senate, separate the parts of a bill, sent up for their deliberation, into two distinct bills, we have the greater reason to hope that you will now pursue a similar conduct, and send distinct bills, upon such principles as you may think proper.

It may not be improper to point out on this occasion, for your consideration, some very material objections to the plan of your bill, for bringing into the treasury our proportion of the continental debt, in the present circulating continental bills, and exchanging them for the new bills to be issued under the resolves of congress of the 18th of March last.

In the first place, the plan is justly exceptionable, in giving the exorbitant premium of twenty per cent. to the money holders, to induce them to bring this money into the treasury, when the five per cent. interest, which the new bills are to carry, will be, in our opinion, a sufficient inducement to every man well affected to his country to bring it in; but if you think a premium necessary, one half a tenth would certainly be enough; and the difference between this proposal

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