

have no doubt but the necessary business may be completed. We propose to adjourn to the first day of May next.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and sent by William Hemsley, Esq;

Amendments proposed. Page 2. Strike out the 5th enacting clause in the 2d line from the bottom, relating to the erecting a fort on Drum Point; instead of the fort add another galley,

Page 3. Strike out the first enacting clause relating to the company of artillery to garrison the said fort.

Page 4. Strike out from the word "main" in the 8th line from the bottom, to the word "and" in the 7th line from the bottom. At the end of the last clause insert, "if a male person between the ages of sixteen and fifty." At the bottom of the page insert the following clauses:

"And be it enacted, that the justices of Somerset, Dorchester, and Worcester counties, are hereby directed and required to make suitable provisions for the maintainance and support of all persons removed from the said islands, who, in the judgment of the said justices, may stand in need thereof, and the same cause to be levied on their respective counties, and the expences of such maintainance shall be, by the said justices, charged to this state, and an account thereof transmitted to the house of delegates, from time to time, that provision may be made for repayment thereof.

"And be it enacted, that the proprietors of the said islands shall not be called on for, or obliged to pay, any assessment for the said islands, or any of them, so long as they remain depopulated in consequence of this act."

Page 5. Strike out the words "or matros," in the 11th, 13th, 17th, 23d, and 26th lines, and before the word marine," immediately preceding, insert the word "or."

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 24, 1781.

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

Sundry letters from the president of congress, enclosing several resolutions, were read and sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

Messieurs Duckett and M'Comas, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 30, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 24, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

The senate adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

F. GREEN, clk."

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

The senate met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, January 25, 1781.

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

A letter from the governor of Virginia, directed to his Excellency governor Lee, informing him, that the state had occasion for colonel Crackett's battalion, now on guard at Frederick-town, and requesting him to procure other men to guard the convention troops, was read and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messieurs Craufurd and W. Stevenson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue the act prohibiting the export of grain, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, and to permit the exportation of wheat flour and Indian corn by sea, under certain restrictions, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 23, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

"By the house of delegates, January 25, 1781: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

The senate adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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