

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Quynn and Caufin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to explain that part of the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, which relates to the duty imposed on ordinary licences, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 25, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of Delegates, January 25, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Messieurs Shaw and Norris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 25, 1781.

Whereas, on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1779, the house of delegates did resolve, "that the officers who now are, or shall hereafter be, in the Maryland line, and who shall continue in the service till the end of the present war, shall, unless they should thereafter resign or be cashiered for mal-conduct, be entitled to half pay during their lives, and that the same commence at the end and expiration of the seven years heretofore provided for by congress; and that the widows of all such officers as are or shall be entitled to the half pay as aforesaid, shall receive the same pay during their widowhood, that their husbands were or would have been entitled to," but no express provision was thereby made for the officers of the quota of this state of the troops in the continental service, other than those of the Maryland line aforesaid; it is therefore

RESOLVED, That all the officers of the quota of this state of the troops in the continental service, and their widows, shall be entitled, and on the same footing, as the officers of the Maryland line, and their widows, under the said recited resolves.

RESOLVED, That any officer of the quota of this state of the troops in the continental service, who hath been, or may hereafter be, disabled, by loss of limb, or any wound, from performing military duty, and shall resign his commission in the continental army before the end of the war, shall be entitled, from the time of his resignation, to the provision made by the said recited resolves, agreeable to his commission at the time of his resignation, and his widow after his death, as if such officer had continued in the service to the end of the war.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

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

F R I D A Y, January 26, 1781.

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

Messieurs Dennis and James Chapline, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the lieutenants of the militia to appoint field days, and to direct the payment and mode of recovery of militia fines in specie or the value, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 25, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 26, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the act prohibiting the export of grain, &c. and the bill, entitled, An act to explain that part of the act for sinking the quota, &c. were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolutions respecting the officers of the quota of this state, were read, assented to, and sent by John Henry, Esq;

Messieurs Macgubbin and Magruder, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 26, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE cannot agree to your proposition to strike out of the bill for the defence of the bay, that part which directs a fort to be built on the river Patuxent: We are of opinion, that a small fort erected there, with heavy cannon, would afford much greater protection to all the inhabitants on that river, and to our bay, and foreign trade, than the galley you propose to substitute in the place of the fort. The expence of erecting the fort will be far less than the expence of building another