

bushels of wheat, being the remaining part of their salary left unsettled, as fixed by a resolve of the same session; that the auditor-general be empowered to settle the salaries of the officers on the civil list for the year seventeen hundred and eighty, adjusting their accounts agreeable to a resolve of this day, according to the rates of exchange herein established, that is to say: For November thirty-five, December forty-one, January seventeen hundred and eighty forty, February forty-seven, March sixty-one, April sixty-one, May fifty-nine, June sixty one, July sixty-four, August sixty-five, September sixty-five; and that the commissary of stores, who was omitted in the said establishment, be allowed the sum of three hundred pounds of the new emission, as his salary for that year.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read and assented to.

John Henry, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to naturalize the sons of the late major-general the Baron de Kalb; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The following resolution was read and assented to, and, with the resolution respecting the civil officers, and the bill to naturalize the sons of the late major-general the Baron de Kalb, sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to transmit to his Excellency Benjamin Franklin, minister plenipotentiary of the United States at the court of Versailles, a printed copy of the bill for naturalizing the sons of the late major-general the Baron de Kalb, to be presented by the said minister to the Baroness de Kalb; and that they also transmit to his Excellency the minister of France at Philadelphia another copy of the said bill, requesting him to forward the same to the Baroness aforesaid.

Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act to procure recruits; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

Upon a reconsideration of the bill to empower the delegates of this state in congress to subscribe and ratify the articles of confederation, in consequence of the message from the house of delegates: it was again put to its passage, and carried in the affirmative, and, being so endorsed, was, with the following message, and the Supplement to the act to raise recruits, sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 30, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

AT the earnest desire of your house we have again taken up the bill to empower the delegates in congress to subscribe and ratify the articles of confederation. You cannot be unacquainted with those reasons which have hitherto influenced this state to withhold her assent to those articles. It has been generally supposed, and in our opinion upon good grounds, that the claim of this state to a proportionable part of the western country can be better supported under the present form of union, than that of the confederation; influenced by this opinion, we put our negative on the bill; but being sensible that a confederation is anxiously desired by every friend to the future peace and happiness of these United States, and as the pressing exigencies of our affairs demand the adoption of every measure that promises in the smallest degree to strengthen our cause and produce confidence and satisfaction among the several states, and as the powers given to the delegates by the bill, in your opinion, cannot alter or injure our claim to the western country, but that claim may be as fully ascertained and as firmly secured after as before the confederation; and as we rely on the justice and disposition of congress hereafter for the establishment of our claim, and to defeat the hopes of our enemy, and gratify the earnest desire of your house, we have returned you the bill with our affirmative. We most earnestly wish this measure may be productive of all the good you expect from it, but should it be attended with ill effects, we shall be so far from imputing them to you, that we shall always hold ourselves equally responsible for the consequences of this important measure, which we are satisfied is taken with the most virtuous intentions.

By order,

J MACCUBBIN, clk.

Messieurs Freeland and Plowden, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the resolution respecting communicating notice to the Baroness de Kalb of the naturalization of the sons of the Baron de Kalb, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 30, 1781: Read " and assented to.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Also the bill, entitled, An act to naturalize the sons of the late major-general the Baron de Kalb, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 30, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, January 30, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass."

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

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