

mental army as part of the quota of this state, to be commanded by a major, and to request that they will fill up commissions accordingly to the officers now belonging to the said companies, who are to take rank agreeable to the date of their commissions, and to fill up commissions to such officers who may be recommended by the governor and council to supply the vacancies.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Also the bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act to procure recruits, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 31, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 31, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment."

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Amendment proposed. Add to the bill the following clause: "And, whereas many of the non-commissioned officers and privates who have served in the quota of this state of the continental army, who have been discharged because their times have expired, may be inclined to enter again into the service, Be it enacted, that in case any person, sufficient and proper to be passed as a recruit, who hath already served one year or more in the continental army, and hath been discharged, and shall enter as a recruit according to the act of the present session to procure recruits, shall not only be entitled to all the benefits proposed by the said act, but also to a certificate for the depreciation of the pay which became due to him whilst he was in service, between the first day of January 1777, and the last day of July last, as if he was in the quota of this state of the continental army at the time of passing the act of the present session to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state in the service of the United States, and for other purposes."

Which amendment was read and concurred with, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq; Messieurs Causin and Norris, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 42, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 31, 1781: Read and assented to."

"By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

The senate adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act to detect and punish the disaffected and spies, &c. was read the second time, passed with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Hughes, Esq;

Amendments proposed. Page 1. After the word "person" in the third line from the bottom, insert "who hath resided in any of the United States."

Page 2. In the eleventh line strike out from the word "by" to the word "and" in same line, and insert "warrant from any justice of the peace, lieutenant of the county, or militia field officer." After the word "any," in the eighth line from the bottom, insert "lieutenant of the county."

Page 3. At the bottom insert the following proviso: "Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent any person who hath taken the oath of allegiance, and otherwise manifested his attachment to the state of which he is an inhabitant, from residing in this state, without taking the oath of allegiance to this state as aforesaid, if he should be compelled to leave his own by the common enemy." Strike out the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh pages, respecting commissioners.

Page 8. Strike out from the word "any" in the second line to the word "any" in the same line, and insert "the lieutenant of the county, or militia field officer, may arrest or cause to be arrested." After the word county in the seventh line insert "and give the governor and council information thereof, that they may take order therein, or may send such arrested person to the governor and council under guard for the purpose aforesaid."

Page 9. In the sixth and seventh lines, strike out "said commissioners," and insert "lieutenant of the county, magistrate, or militia field officer."

Page 10. After the word "council," in the eighth line, insert "lieutenant of the county, magistrate, or militia field officer." In the fifth line from the bottom, strike out "or the said commissioners," and insert "lieutenant of the county, magistrate, or militia field officer." In the last line, strike out "may be so suspected", and insert "against whom information may be given as aforesaid."

Page 11. In the second line from the bottom, after the word "may," insert "after examination and conviction."

Page 12. Strike out the first enacting clause. In the twelfth line from the bottom, strike out from the word "year" to the end of the clause. In the tenth line strike out the words "have or."

Page 13. In the fourteenth line from the bottom, after the word "service," insert "lieutenant or commanding field officer of the county." After the word "court," in the ninth line,