

portion as officers of the line, and are also entitled to half pay, agreeable to a roster of rank stated by general Smallwood, herewith handed to the honourable house.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;
The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, June 16, 1781.

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

On a second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to raise two battalions of militia for reinforcing the continental army, and to complete the number of select militia, the question was put, That the part of the bill exempting the select militia from the draught to fill up the battalions, in case there should not be a sufficient number voluntarily enlisted, should be struck out? Carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable George Plater, Esq; president, honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll, Barrister, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Hindman, Thomas Stone, and Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Brice T. B. Worthington and John Henry, Esquires.

It was also moved by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; and seconded by John Henry, Esq; that the following amendment be inserted between the word "counties" and the word "except" in the seventeenth line of the fourth page: "and all other male persons between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, who are of sufficient ability of body for the service, although by the laws of this state they may be exempted from serving in the militia."

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock;

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Clagett and Ridgely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bill No. 14, with the paper bill thereof, which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 16, 1781: Read and assented to."

By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

The bill, entitled, An act to raise two battalions of militia for reinforcing the continental army, and to complete the number of select militia, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by John Henry, Esq;

John Henry, Esq; has leave of absence till Monday next.

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

S U N D A Y, June 17, 1781.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday, except John Henry, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Crauturd and Winder, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message, enclosing a form of association and subscription:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JUNE 17, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose to emit two hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, on the security of double the value in lands, to defray the expences of the present campaign; we cannot devise any other mode to procure the means of prosecuting the war. The funds proposed are adequate, part of the confiscated British property, taxes, and the subscriptions of our citizens; the period for the redemption is very short. The difficulty of giving a certain permanent value to paper credit must be very obvious to your honours, and without the concurrence of the wealthy citizens, whose example and influence will govern the multitude, we fear no act of the legislature will secure the issuing the money out of the office, and therefore we wish the association herewith sent to be signed by the members of the general assembly, the officers of government, and the principal merchants, planters and farmers, in the several counties. If any better mode can be devised, we would most cordially give our assent to it.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

F O R M O F S U B S C R I P T I O N.

WE promise to become subscribers of the sums affixed to our names, on the scheme for an emission, in pursuance of the act for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding two hundred thousand