

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MAY, 1781.

assembly think the state has a just claim to a number of general officers holding a proper rank in the line to command its troops.

That this state has frequently applied to congress on this subject, and in particular by a letter written by order of the assembly to the president of congress, dated the fifteenth of May 1780, without obtaining their reasonable request.

That the promotion of major-general Smallwood was, from causes unknown to this state, so long delayed, that this gentleman, in whose abilities the state and its troops have the greatest confidence, is among the youngest major-generals in the service, and must submit the command of the troops of this state to others, whenever they are joined to any other division of the continental army, or whenever another major-general is present.

That the general assembly are induced, by the duty they owe the state, and a due sense of general Smallwood's merit, to solicit the attention of congress to this subject, and to request they will take such measures as are necessary to have justice done to the state and its officers.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read, assented to, and, with the resolution respecting draught and light horses, &c. sent to the house of delegates by Benedict Edward Hall, Esq;

Samuel Hughes, Esq; has leave of absence.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Duckett and Lawson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 27, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, June 27, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Messieurs Cramphin and Beatty, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 27, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

" By the house of delegates, June 27, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

On reading the second time the bill, entitled, An act relating to public creditors, it was moved by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; to propose to the house of delegates to leave out of the said bill the following words at the end of the third enacting clause, viz. "And the debts contracted for cloathing bought or seized under the act of this session, and no other debt, may be paid by the sale or exchange of public flour or tobacco." The motion not being seconded, it of course fell.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to public creditors, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

Messieurs Lemmon and Causin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JUNE 27, 1781.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be authorized and requested to give their orders for the furnishing major-general Smallwood, during his command in this state, with necessaries for his table, at the public expence.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property, was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and, with the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messieurs Alexander and Job, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 36, 37, and 38, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 27, 1781: Read and assented to.

" By order,

F. GREEN, clk."

The engrossed bills from No. 20 to 38 inclusive, except 31 and 32, were read, assented to, and the paper bills thereof, so endorsed, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

ORDERED, That Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; wait on his Excellency, and request his attendance in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills passed this session.

His Excellency appeared in the senate.

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ORDERED,