

The clerk of the house of delegates delivers a bill, entitled, An act for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 19, 1792: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

And a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list and other expences of civil government, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1792: Read the first time and ordered "to lie on the table.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 19, 1792: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The senate adjourns until 5 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

On motion, James M'Henry, Esquire, brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the exportation of potash and pearlsh; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

James Hollyday, Esquire, from the committee appointed to report amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to arrange, regulate and discipline, the militia of this state, according to an act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, brings in and delivers the following amendments; which were read and agreed to, and the bill passed as amended.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "neglect," in the 8th line from the bottom of page 8th, to the word "act," inclusively, in line 8th from the bottom of page 9, and insert the following clauses: "Be it further enacted, That there shall be formed out of the said militia, one division, consisting of two brigades, each brigade of four regiments, each regiment of two battalions, each battalion of five companies, and each company of sixty-four privates; and that to each battalion there shall be annexed, by draught from the militia aforesaid, one company of grenadiers, light infantry or riflemen, and to the division one or more companies of artillery and troop of horse, (as the commander in chief may direct) drawn out and formed in the manner prescribed by the act before mentioned; and all officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, of the said militia, shall be armed, clothed and furnished, agreeably to the said recited act.

"Be it enacted, That the governor of the state, as the commander in chief of said militia, is hereby enjoined and directed, by and with the advice of his council, to lay off the state into as many bounds as there shall be companies in the aforesaid division, comprehending, as nearly as may be, an equal number of militia in each bound so to be laid off; and the captain or commanding officer of the company within each bound, shall enrol all citizens listed as aforesaid, and not excepted by the before recited act of congress and this act, and all those who may hereafter, from time to time, become subject to enrolment, and shall select from the persons so enrolled, by draught or lot, under such regulations as the commander in chief may prescribe, with the advice of the council, the complement of men required by this act for their respective companies; and all persons so enrolled, and not selected by lot or draught as aforesaid, are hereby exempted from militia duty, until such time as they shall be called into service pursuant to the subsequent provisions of this act.

"Be it further enacted, That the militia selected by lot or draught as aforesaid, shall continue in service, and be subject to all the regulations and provisions of this act, for and during the term of three years from the numbering of their respective companies, after which term they are hereby declared to be exempted from all militia duty or service till such time as all the other citizens, not permanently exempted by the act of congress and this act, within the bounds of their respective captains, shall have served a like term of years; and a new draught, or selection by lot, in conformity with this principle, is hereby enjoined and directed to be made every third year.

"Be it further enacted, That the commander in chief shall and is hereby ordered and directed to cause the division, brigades, regiments, battalions and companies, to be numbered at the formation of the same respectively.

"Be it further enacted, That any person, who may be by lot or draught obliged to serve in a company as aforesaid, is hereby declared to be exempted from the said service, upon his providing a substitute to serve in his place, for and during the time the substitute may engage to serve, and until he may be again called into service agreeably to the rotation herein established; provided the said substitute shall be approved of by the commanding officer of the company to which he belongs.

"And be it enacted, That all officers of such part of the militia as is directed by this act to be selected, and to be trained for the term of three years, shall be appointed by the governor and council pursuant to the directions of the before recited act of congress.

"Be it further enacted, That in case a greater number of militia should be required for actual service than necessary to compose the division aforesaid, the commander in chief is hereby empowered and enjoined to direct a further and equal selection, or draught from the bounds of each captain as aforesaid, equivalent to the exigency, or to draw forth every person enrolled as a militia-man within all the said bounds, the one or the other as the case may require, and to divide and number the same as aforesaid into companies, battalions, regiments, brigades or divisions, according to the number thus selected or drawn out; and the governor and council shall forthwith proceed to make all appointments of officers in the said additional selections or draughts of militia in conformity to the act