

the history of our revolution, and the same, when finished, to be hung up in some conspicuous part of the house of delegates and senate chamber.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 14, 1799.

Whereas William Ferguson hath represented to this general assembly, that he hath an equitable claim against the state of Maryland on account of a deficiency in the quantity of certain lands bought by said Ferguson from the state of Maryland, and also that he is debarred from exercising the legal and customary means of obtaining redress in the court of chancery in consequence of certain proceedings heretofore had in said court in relation to said purchase: And whereas this general assembly are willing and desirous to place the said Ferguson in the same situation as if said purchase had never been brought in any manner into question before said court; therefore **RESOLVED**, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to hear and determine the claim or claims which the said William Ferguson may have against the state on account of the purchase aforesaid, in the same manner as if no proceedings had ever taken place in the chancery court in relation to the said purchase.

**AND RESOLVED**, That in case the chancellor should decree in favour of the said William Ferguson, the treasurer of the western shore pay to the said William Ferguson the amount of such decree, agreeably to the terms thereof.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

The clerk of the house of delegates returns the resolution respecting the appointments of justices of the peace, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 9, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 14, 1799: Read the second time and dissent from."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the bill, entitled, An act to alter and change the time for holding the county courts in Washington county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, January 10, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, January 14, 1799: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Which said bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, was committed, reported the said bill.

The senate then took up the second reading of the said bill, and on motion, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the words "non-commissioned officers and privates" be inserted after the words "platoon officers" in the 4th line of the 13th page? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that from the beginning of the 12th line of the 13th page to the end of the section be stricken out? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the words "or board" in the 11th line of the 13th page be stricken out? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the words "or board" in the 12th line of the 15th page be stricken out? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that from the beginning of the 11th line of the 18th page to the end of the clause be stricken out? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the words "completely armed and accoutred at the expense of this state" in the 3d line of the 26th page be stricken out? Which was determined in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, the insertion of the words "furnished with arms and accoutrements at the expense of the state, so far as the state may now be in possession of them," in the 3d line of the 26th page? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Mr. Carroll, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Milligan. 5.

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Thomas, president, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Dorsey and Mr. Chesley. 4.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the words "one lieutenant" be inserted after the word "captain" in the 4th line of the 26th page? Which was determined in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the senate propose, as an amendment to the said bill, that the word "thirty" in the 7th line of the 26th page be stricken out? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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