

The house being informed, that captain Thomas Lansdale of this state, a prisoner on parole, had brought a letter from Daniel Chamier (an enemy to the United States) to Mr. Charles Ridgely, a member of this house,

ORDERED, That the said captain Thomas Lansdale attend at the bar of this house on Friday next to answer the same.

ORDERED, That the clerk make out a copy of the above order, and that the sergeant at arms serve the said captain Thomas Lansdale therewith.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, March 5, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Burgess. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Smithson appeared in the house

Mr. Gilpin, from the committee of claims, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read in the words following, to wit.

YOUR committee of claims report, that they have no doubt of the truth of the facts set forth in the memorial of captain Belain Posey, and are of opinion, that if the money had been lost before he reached Philadelphia, it ought to have been borne by this state (because captain Posey ought at that place to have disposed of it to his company); but as that was not the case, and it appears he received a month's pay for his company at Philadelphia from the paymaster, they think he is blamable in not paying away the money he received from the council of safety as far as it would go.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order of com.

JOHN JOHNSON, clk.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On reading a second time the report from the council of safety, the house taking the same into consideration, are of opinion, that Jesse Davis, Daniel Fookes, Boaz Walton, John Parsons, Samuel Williams, and Jonathan Fookes, ought to be discharged.

On motion, the question was put, That the said Jesse Davis, Daniel Fookes, Boaz Walton, John Parsons, Samuel Williams, and Jonathan Fookes, before they be discharged, pay the charges of their confinement, or give sufficient security for the payment thereof? Carried in the negative.

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

Messieurs  
Ford,  
Perkins,  
Maxwell,  
Tiliard,

Deye,  
Ridgely,  
Stevenson,  
Shepherd,

R. Bond,  
Gilpin,  
Ewing,  
Bowie,

Magruder,  
Kent,  
Wright,

J. Bond,  
Smithson,  
Smith,

J. T. Chase,  
Williams,  
Crabb.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs  
Read,  
Jordan,  
Lethrbury,  
Hammond,

Hall,  
Galloway,  
Turner,  
M'Pherson,

Henry,  
Veazy,  
Craufurd,  
Sprigg,

S. Chase,  
Brice,  
Chaille,  
Selby,

Mitchell,  
Edelen,  
Sheredine,

Douglass,  
Mason,  
Dickinson.

ORDERED, That that part of the said report relative to the reverend Mr. Bowie be postponed.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, requesting their concurrence with the resolutions of this house on the report from the council of safety.

On reading a second time the report from the committee of claims, on the memorial of captain Belain Posey, the question was put, That the said memorial be granted? Carried in the negative.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Gibson appeared in the house.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the election of delegates for Somerset county being read, the house took the same into consideration, and, after some debate thereon, the question was put, Whether the following question, viz. On reading the report from the committee of elections and privileges, and the several depositions therein referred to, and it appearing to this house, that a number of men armed with fire arms, to the amount of thirty, and a number with sticks and spears fixed in the end of them, came from several parts of said county, to the place of election, That the said election is void—be now put? Resolved in the affirmative?

The question was then put, That the election of delegates for Somerset county is void? Resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED,