

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 71

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

Messieurs	Allein, Turner, M. Pherfon, Jackson,	Maddox, Polk, Henry, Veazy,	Ewing, Craufurd, O. Sprigg, Magruder,	Brice, Gibson, Kent, Bruff,	Wright, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell,	Sheredine, Douglafs, Smith, Wootton.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Read, Jordan, Ford, Lethibury, Perkins,	Maxwell, Tillard, Hammond, Hall, Somervill,	Deye, Ridgely, Stevenson, Shepherd, R. Bond,	Bowie, S. Chafe, Benfon, Edelen, J. Bond,	Archer, Smithfon, Downes, Dickinson, J. T. Chafe,	Schnebely, Williams, Crabb, Burgefs.
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The amendment to the bill, entitled, An act to establish orphans courts, &c. was read and assented to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from colonel John Hopkins Stone, thus endorsed; "Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

And the following resolve:

By the S E N A T E, April 5, 1777.

RESOLVED, That the colonel or commanding officer of each battalion raised or to be raised in this state, be empowered to appoint an adjutant and quarter-master to his battalion.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which were severally read, the resolve agreed to, so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Benfon.

A letter from several gentlemen of Worcester county, and a representation from Adam Lindsay, serjeant of the guard under the command of capt. William Galbraith in Baltimore-Town, were severally read and referred to the governor and council, with full power to take such order therein as they think proper. Sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Stevenson.

On a second reading the memorial of Messieurs Buchanan and Cummins, **ORDERED**, That the same be referred to the consideration of a committee; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Dickinson, were appointed a committee to consider of the same.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the jurisdiction of the general court on the eastern shore, and to fix the time and place for holding the same, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Charles Lansdale of Prince-George's county, was read and referred to the committee of claims.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for quartering soldiers, and a bill for the erecting barracks. **ORDERED**, That Mr. S. Chafe, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Hammond, do prepare and bring in the said bills.

Mr. S. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bishop and Mr. Brice. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Burgefs and Mr. R. Bond have leave of absence till Monday next.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

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

A petition from William Smith of Baltimore-Town, merchant, setting forth, That he in the year 1774 bought at public vendue several tracts of land of the real estate of William Ottey, Esq; deceased, called, *Eslington North Head*, and *Buck Range*, for which he obtained a deed from Anne Ottey, heir at law, and Anne Ottey, widow, dated 4 July, 1774; that he delivered the said deed to a certain Nicholas Ruxton Moore, to be carried to the clerk's office to be recorded; that the said Nicholas Ruxton Moore omitted to carry the deed until the time limited by law for recording had elapsed; and that Anne Ottey, the widow, had embarked for Great-Britain, whereby he was prevented from applying for a new deed; and therefore praying an act may pass to confirm and record the same deed, was read, and referred to Mr. Smith and Mr. J. T. Chafe to report the truth of the facts therein set forth.

Mr. S. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the erecting barracks, which was read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Schnebely and Mr. Williams. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The house took into consideration the appointment of paymasters to the several regiments to be furnished by this state, and thereupon **RESOLVED**, That Mr. Christopher Richmond be appointed