

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to fill up the vacancies in the military arrangement of officers of the seven battalions raised by this state, occasioned by resignations or otherwise. Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Douglass and Mr. Polk.

On motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. Dickinson be added to the committee appointed to examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office.

Mr. Bowie has leave of absence till Tuesday next, and Mr. O. Sprigg till Monday next; Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Ridgely has leave of absence till Monday next.

In progression on the bill, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, &c. On motion, That the following clause be proposed as an amendment to the bill: "And be it enacted, That any subject of the crown of Great-Britain may bring any suit for the recovery of any debt due to him from any subject or inhabitant of this state, and on such suit he shall not be considered as an alien enemy, nor shall his suit be abated by any such plea." The question was put, and carried in the negative.

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

Messrs. Jordan,
Galloway,
Allein,

Maddox,
Henry,

Craufurd,
S. Chase,

Benson,
Banning,

Chaille,
Bishop,

Mason,
Smith.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Read,
Perkins,
Maxwell,
Tillard,
Hammond,
Hall,

Turner,
Jackson,
Ennalls,
Smoot,
Deye,
Stevenfon,

Shepherd,
R. Bond,
Veazy,
Ewing,
Magruder,
Brice,

Kent,
Bruff,
Wright,
Bordley,
Edelen,
Sheredine,

J. Bond,
T. Bond,
Archer,
Smithson,
Downes,
Douglass,

Dickinson,
J. T. Chase,
Williams,
Wootton,
Crabb,
Burgefs.

The bill being read throughout by an especial order, will pass with the following amendments:

In the 6th line of the 5th page, after the word "battalions," add "or artillery companies."

In the 11th line of the 7th page, after the word "warrants," add "or any records, books or papers."

In the 8th line of the 8th page, after the word "September," add "until a Town shall be laid out at Dover, and a court house and prison there erected, after which the said court for the eastern shire shall." And in the same line and page add, "be held at Dover on the second Tuesday of April and September."

After the word "state" in the 5th line of the 9th page, add "shall summon for such jurors, freemen of their respective counties of the most wisdom and experience, and having a freehold of fifty acres of land in his county, or property in the state above the value of three hundred pounds current money, and no challenge shall be allowed to any person for the want of freehold."

Add to the bill the following clause: "And be it enacted, That any justice of the peace of the county where the debtor resides, may, on application, grant licence for the bringing of any suit before the first day of July next, in such cases and in the same manner as any committee could have done under the resolve of convention of the 26th of July, 1775, and may in his discretion grant warrant for the recovery of any debt within his jurisdiction; and any two justices of the peace shall be invested, until the first day of July next, with the same power, and may act in all cases entrusted by resolve of the 7th day of December, 1775, to any committee."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

So endorsed and sent to the senate by Mr. Benson and Mr. Allein. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court.

Mr. Somervill has leave of absence.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. J. Bond, do prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 14, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Gibson, Mr. Schnebely, Mr. M'Pherson, Mr. Parran, Mr. Somervill, Mr. Bowie, Mr. O. Sprigg, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Douglass, and Mr. Crabb. The proceedings of Saturday were read.

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