

produced, and we are unwilling to tarnish the lustre of our glorious cause by any measures which may have the appearance of unnecessary and vindictive severity, and therefore we adhere to our last amendment.

As you think little advantage will be derived to the state by lodging a power with the justices of the peace, to arrest the dilaffected and compel them to give bond with security for their good behaviour, we shall not particularly adhere to that amendment; but we still retain our opinion that a clause to that effect might be useful; for though in a few instances the experiment has not been followed with the desired consequences, yet should men of considerable influence and fortune, from a well grounded apprehension of their dangerous practices, be obliged to give bond with security for their peaceable conduct, we conceive they would demean themselves for the future in such manner as not to give just cause of suspicion or offence.

By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which was read a first and second time, the amendment proposed by the senate respecting absentees agreed to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the marines in the service of this state shall have the same pay and cloathing as the artillery men in the service of this state. Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Archer and Mr. J. Bond.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill relating to the assessment of property in this state. **ORDERED**, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. J. T. Chase, and Mr. Wootton, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. S. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the assessment of property in this state, which being read a first and second time by an especial order, on motion, That the following, "And be it enacted, That all and every person or persons within this state, having or exercising any public office or employment of profit, and all and every their clerks, agents, substitutes, deputies, and registers, and other inferior ministers whatsoever (hired clerks who do not act by commission in respect of the wages they receive for their hire only; and such military officers who shall be in the pay of the United States, or of this state, in respect of such military employment, only excepted) shall be assessed one shilling for every twenty shillings of the clear annual amount of such office or employment; and that all and every person or persons within this state, having an annuity, stipend, or other yearly payment, payable or secured to be paid by any person or persons within this state (except such as are issued out of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, or chargeable upon the same) shall be assessed one shilling for every twenty shillings or the value thereof in any species or commodities whatsoever, which he, she or they do receive in one year, by virtue of such annuity, stipend, or other yearly payment respectively. And be it further enacted, That every person practising law or physic within this state, every hired clerk acting without commission, and every factor, agent, or manager, trading or using commerce within this state, shall be assessed one shilling for every twenty shillings of the clear yearly profit of such practice, wages, or factorage: All which sums of money, so assessed as aforesaid, shall be collected and paid in the same manner other assessments within this state shall be collected or paid," be inserted as an addition to said bill? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the above question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative.

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Messieurs	Jordan, Lethrbury, Galloway, Allein,	Jackson, Maddox, Polk, Henry,	Smoot, S. Chase, Brice, Banning,	Kent, Bruff, Wright,	Bordley, Bishop, Archer,	Douglass, Smith, J. T. Chase.
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The question was then put, That the clauses proposed be added to the bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

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