

12 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777.

The house took into consideration the bill, entitled, An act to indemnify the creditors of British subjects and other persons of this state, &c. and having gone through the same, the question was put, That the said bill be committed for amendments? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs	Ford,	Somervill,	L. Wilson,	Magruder,	Holland,	A. Hall,
	Plowden,	Semmes,	Henry,	Contee,	Mitchell,	Smith,
	Maxwell,	Forbes,	Shepherd,	Gibson,	Edelen,	Sprigg,
	J. Hall,	Maddux,	Veazey,	Kent,	Thomas,	Schnebely.
	Fitzhugh,	Winder,	Ward,	Earle,	Young,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Read,	Tillard,	Alexander,	Bowie,	Sheredine,	Douglafs,
	Hammond,	Deye,	Hyland,	S. Chase,	Bond,	Burgefs.
	Worthington,	Stevenson,	West,	Purnell,		

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the regulation of officers fees. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Contee, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Forbes, do prepare and bring in the same. The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, November 13, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Williams. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Samuel Hughes, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

The bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Frederick-town in Frederick county, read a second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sheredine. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to enable the inhabitants of Prince-George's county to provide themselves with salt. ORDERED, That Mr. West, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Contee, Mr. Bowie, and Mr. John Hall, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Forbes, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. H. Wilson appeared in the house.

The house taking into consideration the best ways and means of recruiting the quota of troops of this state, in the American army, RESOLVED, That an enlistment of volunteers, on bounty, will be the most eligible mode, at present, to furnish two thousand men, for recruiting our quota of the continental army.

That active and spirited persons to recruit, be appointed in each county, by warrant from the governor and council, out of the inhabitants thereof, not exceeding one officer to every twenty men to be raised in such county, and so in proportion as near as may be, such officer to be furnished with money out of the public treasury, and be allowed twelve dollars for every able bodied recruit by him procured, in full for his trouble and expences.

That a bounty of forty dollars, over and beyond the continental bounty of twenty dollars, be allowed to each able bodied recruit who shall enlist for three years, unless sooner discharged, also a pair of shoes and stockings to be furnished them and each of them, at a reasonable rate.

That an act ought to be passed, allowing ten dollars bounty to such recruiting officers or any others who may take up and secure deserters from the continental army, in this state, agreeable to resolve of congress.

That every recruit, at the time of his enlistment, shall have his choice of the regiment or company in which he will serve, provided such regiment or company be not full, if it is, they may chuse any other regiment or company which is not full, which shall be entered against their names, and returned to the officer appointed to receive such recruit.

That the whole corps of non-commissioned officers and privates, now in service, or who shall hereafter enlist as such, be exempt from all taxes during the time of their remaining on duty, and for the space of four years after they are regularly discharged.

That a free pardon, at the discretion of the governor and council, be given to all such disaffected persons charged with any crime against the state, who may voluntarily enlist for three years as aforesaid, such persons to be entitled to the bounty and all privileges as above.

That the clause of the militia bill, relative to procuring substitutes for money, be repealed.

That in case any recruiting officers be sent down from the regular army, they be allowed at the rate above mentioned for every able bodied recruit.

That one of the most effectual means to furnish cloathing and other necessaries for the army, will be to give bounties to manufacturers.

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