

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 19

Mr. Semmes and Mr. Turner have leave of absence till Thursday next.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, of the 17th instant, enclosing a resolve of congress of the 15th instant, and an extract of a letter from his excellency general Washington, dated November 11, 1777; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

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

S A T U R D A Y, November 22, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Semmes and Mr. Turner. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Somervill has leave of absence till Friday next.

Mr. Hall, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act relating to the estate, quit-rents and land-office of the late lord proprietary, was committed for amendments, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read with the amendments, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Kent brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, and furnishing them with cloathing and other necessaries; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house taking into consideration the report of the committee on the petitions of Jacob Myers and other manufacturers, **RESOLVED**, That the petitioners and their labourers, and all others engaged in manufactories of arms, cloathing, or other useful manufactories, for the public, be exempted from doing duty as militia out of this state.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Samuel Chase, Esq; signifying a resignation of his seat in the house; which was read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Winder brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the memorial of Charles Wallace; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lethrbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to procure cloathing for the quota of this state of the American army; which being read a first and second time by an especial order, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read, R. Barnes, Plowden, Lethrbury, J. Hall, Hammond, Worthington,	M'Pherson, Forbes, Maddux, Winder, L. Wilson, Henry, Daffin,	Veazey, Ward, Alexander, Hyland, West, Magruder, Contee,	Brice, Gibson, Goldsbrough, Kent, Holland, Purnell, Mitchell,	Edelen, Young, H. Wilson, A. Hall, Smithson, Douglass, Smith,	J. T. Chase, Sprigg, J. Barnes, Hughes, Schnebely, Crabb.
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Messrs. Tillard,	Deye,	Stevenson,	Bond,	Burgess,	Williams.
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Sent to the senate by Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. J. Barnes. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 24, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Somervill. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Fitzhugh appeared in the house. Mr. Holland has leave of absence, being indisposed. Mr. Richard Gresham, a delegate returned for Kent county, appeared in the house, and after being duly qualified he took his seat.

The committee of elections and privileges report, That by the certificate of the sheriff of Kent county, it appears, that an election was held on the 18th and 19th inst. at Chester-town in Kent county, for the choice of a delegate to represent said county, in the room of Mr. Ezekiel Forman; and that Richard Gresham, Esq; was, according to the said certificate, duly elected.

Mr. A. Hall has leave of absence for a few days.

The house taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, the question was put, That the fees to the officers under the new regulation be raised for the present year? Resolved in the affirmative.

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