

clusive, without the concurrence of your honours, we would be glad to know, whether you will assume the consideration of that very important business this session.

Being prepared and read, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

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| Messrs | Ford,      | Semmes,      | Deye,    | Benson, | Bond,     | Chafe,     |
|        | Maxwell,   | Forbes,      | Ridgely, | Kent,   | A. Hall,  | Burgess,   |
|        | Fitzhugh,  | Maddux,      | Ward,    | Wright, | Smithson, | Crabb,     |
|        | Somervill, | Strawbridge, | Contee,  | Edelen, | Douglafs, | Stevenson. |
|        | Chew,      |              |          |         |           |            |

N E G A T I V E.

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| Messrs. | Read,     | Hammond,     | M'Pherson, | Bowie,    | Earle,     | Smith,    |
|         | Plowden,  | Worthington, | Henry,     | Magruder, | Young,     | Sprigg,   |
|         | Lethbury, | Tillard,     | Alexander, | Brice,    | H. Wilson, | Williams. |
|         | J. Hall,  | Turner,      | West,      | Quynn,    |            |           |
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Sent to the senate by Mr. Wright and Mr. Kent.

The petition of John Berryman was read, setting forth, That in the execution of his office as gunner of the ship Defence, he had the misfortune to have his right hand much shattered by the bursting of a hand granado, that in consequence thereof he was obliged to suffer an amputation about three inches above the wrist, and therefore praying for such relief as may be judged adequate to the injury he has sustained.

The bill, entitled, An act relating to the qualification of jurors, was read a second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Williams. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of Queen-Anne's county court, read a second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Earle and Mr. Plowden. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Burgess brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses, and constables, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, December 13, 1777.

Gentlemen,

THE importance of the articles of confederation and perpetual union, and the desire of knowing the sentiments of the people of this state on a subject so materially affecting their interest, together with the advanced season of the year, and the variety of business necessary to be finished this session, incline the senate to postpone the consideration of the said articles, to the next session; however, if these reasons should not, in your opinion, be weighty enough to put off the discussion of that matter to another session, we are willing to take it up as soon as we have dispatched the other business now before us.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. senat.

Which was read.

The house resuming the consideration of the several recommendatory resolutions of congress of the 22d of November last, came to the following resolutions thereon:

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to cause subscriptions to be opened in each county of this state, under the inspection of one or more respectable inhabitants of said counties, for the purpose of borrowing money on loan-office certificates, for the use of the honourable continental congress. That the said subscription papers shall specify the names of the lender, and the sums lent, and that a copy of such subscription papers shall from time to time be sent to the commissioner of the continental loan-office in this state, together with the money collected on loan, to be by him transmitted to congress; and on delivery of the money, certificates shall be given out by such commissioner to each person subscribing, bearing date at the time the money was received from such person respectively. Provided that no certificate shall issue for less than two hundred dollars.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to cause subscriptions to be opened in each county of this state, under the inspection of one or more respectable inhabitants of said counties, for the purpose of borrowing money on loan-office certificates for the use of this state. That the said subscription papers shall specify the names of the lenders and the sums they are willing to lend, and that a copy of such subscription papers shall from time to time be sent to the treasurer of the eastern and western shore respectively, together with the money collected on loan, and on delivery of the money, certificates shall be given out by the treasurer to each person subscribing, in the nature of continental loan-office certificates, bearing date at the time the money was received from the person subscribing, and to carry on interest of six per