

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1777. 45

per cent. payable in three years after the date of such certificate. Provided that no certificate shall issue for less than one hundred dollars; and the said certificates shall be discountable at the option of the holder out of the next assessment to be made, for the benefit of the public.

RESOLVED, That the interest be paid annually by the treasurer of the eastern or western shore who gave the certificate, or shall be discountable at the option of the holder out of the assessments to be annually made, for the benefit of the public.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be authorized and empowered to appoint a commissary and deputy commissaries, if need be, to procure supplies of blankets, shoes, stockings, shirts and other cloathing, and also a reasonable quantity of spirituous liquors, for the comfortable subsistence of the officers and soldiers of the several battalions raised or to be raised for the quota of this state in the continental army, and that such commissary have the power to dispose of the said articles to the officers and soldiers, in such proportions as the commanding officers from this state, commanding in the army, shall direct, and at such reasonable prices as shall be assessed by the cloathier general, or his deputy, and in just proportion, as near as may be, to the wages of the officers and soldiers, charging the surplus of the cost to the united states. And

That the governor and the council take effectual measures to prevent any competition between the purchasing agents of this state, and the cloathier general or his agents. And that the agents for this state observe the instructions of the governor and the council, from time to time, relative to the prices of cloathing purchased within this state.

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the articles of confederation be postponed till Monday morning.

The petition of Saut Ward, and other inhabitants of Somerset county, was read and referred till the next session of assembly.

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

SUNDAY, December 14, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Gresham, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Douglass, who had leave, and Mr. Maddux, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Chase, who had not leave. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance of justices, jurymen, witnesses and constables, being read a second time by an especial order, the question was put, That the word "justices" be struck out of the title of the said bill? Carried in the negative.

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

Mr. Bond,	Somervill,	Deye,	Magruder,	Earle,	Bond.
Mr. Fitzhugh,	Strawbridge,	Bowie,	Contee,		

N E G A T I V E.

Read,	Tillard,	Winder,	West,	Edelen,	Smith,
Plowden,	Chew,	Henry,	Brice,	Young,	Sprigg,
Lethbrury,	Turner,	Stevenson,	Quynn,	H. Wilson,	Burgess,
Maxwell,	Semmes,	Ward,	Benson,	A. Hall,	Williams,
Hammond,	M. Pherson,	Alexander,	Kent,	Smithson,	Crabb.
Worthington,	Forbes,				

The bill was gone through and committed for amendments.

The committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act of indemnity was committed for amendments, bring in and deliver to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read, with the amendments, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, That leave be given to bring in a bill to encrease the allowance of jurors, witnesses, and constables, the question was put, and determined in the negative.

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Mr. Bond,	Tillard,	Chew,	Stevenson,	Contee,	Bond,
Mr. Plowden,	Fitzhugh,	Strawbridge,	West,	Earle,	Sprigg,
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MONDAY,