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charged, shall be attached to such classes of the militia that they may not be obliged to march again until all the other classes have marched, and it shall come to their turn in rotation."

The bill was endorsed accordingly, and sent to the senate, with the amendments proposed, by Mr. Earle and Mr. H. Wilson.

On reading and considering that part of the memorial of the commissioners of the loan-office relating to their salary, **RESOLVED**, That the said commissioners be allowed, each, the yearly salary of three hundred pounds common money, to commence at the expiration of one year from the time of their appointment.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, That the governor and the council be requested to order one hundred stand of arms, out of those repaid by congress, or any others, to be sent for the use and defence of Calvert county, upon the same terms as those granted for Kent and Talbot counties, with a proper number of cartridge boxes, and fifteen hundred cartridges suitable for said arms.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the state of the navy being read, **ORDERED**, That the same be postponed till to-morrow.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 20, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

The resolve of yesterday, relating to the arms, &c. to be sent to Calvert county, sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Chew.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the board of war of the 17th instant, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. West brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the address of Abraham Vanbibber, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Leonard Belt, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates. By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And a letter from his excellency the governor, of this day, relative to the appointment of judges in the general court; which said petition and letter were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Magruder appeared in the house.

On a second reading the letter from the board of war, **RESOLVED**, That the governor and the council be authorised and empowered to cause the barracks at Fort Frederick in Washington county to be repaired, at the expence of this state, for the reception of any prisoners congress may think proper to order thither; and that provisions, wood, and other necessaries, be found and provided for such prisoners, at the continental expence, by commissaries to be appointed by the honourable congress, or in case of no such appointment, by commissaries to be appointed by the governor and the council. And that such allowance be made for the use of said barracks by congress, as may hereafter be thought reasonable, on application of the delegates to congress from this state, or any two of them. And that congress be requested by the governor and council to send a sufficient guard for any prisoners that may be confined by their order in said barracks. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Winder and Mr. Furner.

The house, agreeable to the order of the day, taking into consideration the state of the navy, **RESOLVED**, That the governor and the council be authorised and empowered to cause the vessel building for a galley now on the stocks at Baltimore town, also the vessel built for a galley at Joppa, and now sunk in Gunpowder river, to be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder for the benefit of the state, provided the same be not sold for less than they have respectively cost in building; the money to be paid to the treasurer of the western shore, subject to the orders of the governor and the council. Sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Brice.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the foregoing resolve; also the resolve sent up this day by Mr. Somervill and Mr. Chew; and the resolve of this house on the letter from the board of war, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1777: Read and assented to."

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

All which were communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Earle.

The resolve of yesterday, on the memorial of the commissioners of the loan-office, sent to the senate for concurrence by Mr. Read and Mr. Burgess.

On motion, the question was put, That the superintendant to be employed by the governor and the council, for the purpose of fitting, equipping, and managing the vessels of war, and fitting, equipping, and loading the trading vessels belonging to this state, under the direction and controul of the said governor and council, be allowed the yearly salary of five hundred pounds common money for his service and expences? Resolved in the affirmative.

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