

# VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778. 107

The several letters and acts of congress, &c. received this forenoon, were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Barnes, from the committee of claims, brought in a report on the petition of George Ranken, which being read a first and second time, and the house taking the same into consideration, **RESOLVED**, That the said George Ranken be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, to defray his expences in taking care of the records, books and papers of the late secretary's office.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, an act to regulate the militia, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 16th, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

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"By the senate, April 18, 1778: Read the second time, and will pass.  
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Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The house taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, it was proposed, That the said bill be amended by striking out the first enacting clause, which follows in these words: "*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, Delaware, by an army, or of this state, by ships of war, the governor and council shall have full power and authority to arrest, or cause to be arrested, any person or persons whose going at large they shall have good grounds to believe may be dangerous to the state, and to confine such person or persons in any gaol or place, or restrain and enjoin such person or persons to be and remain within any particular district or limits of this state, or in their discretion suffer such person or persons to go at large, giving security for his or their good behaviour; and during such invasion no person so arrested and imprisoned, or so restrained, shall have or receive any benefit or advantage from the habeas corpus act, but shall and may, if they think themselves aggrieved, apply, by petition, to the next general assembly, to which the names of all persons so arrested, committed, or confined, with the cause of their respective arrests, shall be returned by the governor and council.*" Upon which the question was put, and passed in the negative.

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It was proposed to amend the said bill, by striking out the second enacting clause, which follows in these words: "*And be it enacted, That the governor and council shall have as full and ample power and authority as any judge or justice, to take recognizance of, and arrest and confine, or cause to be arrested and confined, any person or persons, who may have been, or shall be, guilty of any of the crimes and misdemeanors enumerated in the act, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, or in an act to punish certain crimes, or who may have been, or shall be, guilty of the several offences enumerated in the 35th section of the act, entitled, An act for the better security of the government.*" Upon which the question was put, and passed in the negative.

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It was proposed to amend the said bill, by striking out the following clause: "*And be it enacted, That the governor and council, at all times during their sitting, shall have full power to punish, by fine and imprisonment, any person within this state, who shall be guilty of any misbehaviour before them, or contempt of their lawful command or authority.*" Upon which the question was put, and passed in the negative.

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