

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778. 113

ORDERED, That Mr. Lethbury, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Maddux, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, and for other purposes; which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolve ascertaining itinerant charges, was sent up for concurrence by Mr. Forbes and Mr. Burges.

WHEREAS it is found by experience, that a pay-master upon the eastern shore is altogether needless, and tends only to enhance the public expence, RESOLVED therefore, That the said pay-master be discontinued, and his salary cease from and after the notification of this resolve to the person now acting in that department. And the governor and the council are hereby requested to give notice of this resolve to said pay-master.

WHEREAS a superintendant with salary, as heretofore settled by a resolve of October session last past, is deemed unnecessary, RESOLVED therefore, that no such superintendant with salary, be named by the governor and council, or if any be nominated, that his pay and office be henceforth discontinued.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered and requested to appoint a discreet and proper person to be commissary of stores, who shall take the oath of fidelity to this state, and subscribe his belief in the christian religion, and shall also give bond in the penalty of five thousand pounds, with condition, for the faithful performance of his trust, and rendering an account of all goods and other stores committed to his care and management, and that he be allowed a salary of five hundred pounds per year; and that the said commissary of stores have power to appoint a deputy to act under his controul, and for whom he will be responsible, and that he be allowed to take security from such deputy for the due performance of his office; and that such deputy take the oath and subscribe the declaration above specified, and be allowed a salary of three hundred pounds per year.

Sent up for concurrence by Mr. Young and Mr. H. Wilson.

Mr. Ridgely appeared in the house.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to establish rules and articles for the government of the draughts and other militia of this state, while in service, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 20, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 21, 1778: Read the second time, by an especial order, and will pass, with the amendments proposed.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Amendments proposed. In the last line of the second page, strike out the words "death or," and "other." In the 10th article of the 12th page, strike out from the word "shall," to the word "shamefully." In the 3d line of 13th page, strike out from the word "thereof" to the word "shall," in the 4th line. In the 2d line, from the bottom of the 13th page, strike out the word "good." Insert the word "other," in the 3d line from the bottom of the 15th page, between the words "any" and "bodies." Strike out the 2d article in the 16th page, and change the numbers of the several articles in the same section, which follow the said 2d article. Strike out the word "general," in the 3d line of 17th page. At the end of the 10th line, in the 18th page, insert as follow: "And the members of such court-martial, before they proceed to the trial of any offender, shall severally take the following oath: "You, A. B. shall well and truly try and determine the matter now before you according to your evidence, and duly administer justice according to the directions of the act, entitled, An act to establish rules and articles for the government of the draughts and other militia of this state, while in service." In the 6th line of 21st page, strike out the words, "the foregoing" and insert "these." In the 10th line of same page, after the word "states," insert, "unconnected with the continental army." In the 7th line from the bottom of 22d page, after the word "regiment" insert "troop or detachment." And in the 3d line from the bottom, strike out the word "regiment," and insert "corps." At the end of the 3d article, in the 23d page, add, "by fine not exceeding ten pounds," or "imprisonment not exceeding four days."

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The amendments were severally read and assented to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve sent up this day by Mr. Contee and Mr. Williams, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 21, 1778: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

And the resolve sent up by Mr. Forbes and Mr. Burges, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 21, 1778: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

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