

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 77

The bill for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit, &c. read with the amendments proposed, the amendments agreed to, except the time proposed by the senate after which that emission should not be redeemed, and the provision proposed, that the endorser of bills drawn should not be answerable for damages if protested.

On motion, ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate in answer to the proposed amendments. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. J. Hanson, do prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for recruiting the quota of troops of this state in the American army, was read with the proposed amendments, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the recruiting officers belonging to the Maryland line, who were sent from camp at the request of the governor and council last spring, have their reasonable expences allowed them while on that duty, and that the auditor-general be empowered to audit, adjust and pass the said accounts.

RESOLVED, That the principal clerk to the auditor-general be authorized and empowered, in necessary absence or sickness of the auditor-general, to audit, examine, state, and pass, any public account not exceeding two thousand pounds.

The memorials of Thomas Brooke Hodgkin, Elie Vallette, and William Hyde, read a second time with the report thereon, and the report concurred with.

RESOLVED, That an allowance of five hundred pounds be made to the register of the land-office, for alphabetically and methodically arranging the books and papers belonging to that office.

The following was ordered to be entered as the resolve of this house :

Whereas by the resolution of the 15th of August last (on commodore Grafon's memorial) it was intended to augment and increase the pay of the officers and sailors in the service of this state on the establishment of the 21st of April, 1778, for the regulation of the pay aforesaid; and whereas it is represented, that by the resolution of the 15th of August last, the pay of the officers and sailors has been greatly diminished, contrary to the intent and meaning of the general assembly; and whereas the commodore hath, since the passage of the resolution last aforesaid, paid off and discharged several of the men, according to the resolution of the 21st of April, 1778, confiding in the interposition of the legislature; and it being just and reasonable, that the commodore should be indemnified: Therefore RESOLVED, That the commodore be allowed in his account for the monies paid by him to the several sailors paid off and discharged as aforesaid.

RESOLVED, That there be an addition of fifty per cent. to the pay of the officers and sailors on the establishment made on the 21st of April, 1778, and that when the officers and sailors now in the service of this state shall be paid off, the same shall be done according to this resolution, and the pay aforesaid shall commence on the 15th of August last.

On motion, the question was put, That 200 per cent. in addition to the former allowances of the civil officers in this state, be allowed. Carried in the negative.

The question was then put on 150 per cent. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Sprigg brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

YOUR committee, appointed to enquire into the account of Mr. John Bullen, beg leave to report, that it appears to your committee, that that part of the account which relates to the wood purchased for the use of the barracks is just; and that it also appears to your committee, that Mr. Bullen, as quarter-master, ought to have rendered an account of the forage purchased for the state horses under his care, but as no such account appears, your committee are at a loss to say exactly what sum he ought to be allowed for the horses, but suppose that six hundred pounds may be a sufficient sum. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed per order, GEORGE RANKEN, cl. com.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 28, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 28, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Birkhead:

BY THE HOUSE of DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1779.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered your amendments to the bill for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly. We have agreed to strike out of the bill those parts which re-