

TUESDAY, March 28, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Norris has leave of absence until Monday next. Mr. John Hall appeared in the house.

The house adjourns till half past 2 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Freeland appeared in the house.

Mr. Isaac Henry, from the committee appointed to take into consideration the letter from the president of congress of the 18th of January, enclosing resolutions of the 13th and 14th, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to consider the letter from the president of congress, enclosing resolutions of the 13th and 14th of January last, beg leave to report to the honourable house,

That they are informed by the governor and council, that they have from time to time forwarded and sent all prisoners of war, who have been brought into this state, to the commissary of prisoners at Philadelphia, and that there is not at this time any prisoners of war within this state, except continental prisoners who are under the immediate direction of the board of war.

That your committee are of opinion, for want of proper regulations respecting prisoners of war captured at sea by private vessels, or otherwise, prisoners may sometimes be improperly discharged, which may eventually be the means of keeping many of our citizens confined in the gaols of the enemy longer than necessary. And,

That an act should be passed by the legislature of this state, to regulate the management of prisoners captured by the inhabitants of this state, or brought into the same by the inhabitants of any other state, agreeable to the resolutions of congress of the 13th of January, 1780.

And your committee are further of opinion, that such provisions should be made by this state agreeable to the recommendations of congress, as to confer like privileges and immunities on the subjects of His Most Christian Majesty in this state, as to make an entire and perfect reciprocity relative to the stipulations contained in the thirteenth article of the treaty of amity and commerce between His Most Christian Majesty and the United States of America.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed per order,

GEO. RANKEN, cl. com.

Which was read.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the house letters from James Forbes, Esq; of the 30th of December and 29th of February, and a letter from the delegates for this state in congress of the 7th instant; which were severally read.

A petition of Charles Monbos, of Baltimore-town, merchant, praying leave to ship on board le Bon Homme Richard a quantity of flour and bread, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. John Henry, Mr. John Hall, and Mr. M'Mechen, who are appointed a committee to consider and report on the same.

RESOLVED, That this house will on Thursday morning resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the resolutions of congress of the 25th of February, calling on the several states for their quotas of supplies, &c.

ORDERED, That the resolutions of congress of the 6th and 7th of October last, be referred to the said committee.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the seizure and confiscation of British property. **O**RDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. John Hall, Mr. John Henry, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Earle, do prepare and bring in the same.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Cramphin and Mr. Isaac Henry.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 28, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have appointed from half past eight o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from half past two until six, for its sitting, during this session, for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly. **O**RDERED, That Mr. Bruff, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Chapline, do prepare and bring in the same.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning half past 8 o'clock.

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