

“ By the senate, April 11, 1780: Read the second time and will pass.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.”

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bills No. 4, 5, 6, severally endorsed; “ By the senate, April 11, 1780: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.”

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. Johns, Mr. Gaunt, and Mr. Bayly, appeared in the house.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Samuel M^cGee, one of the delegates for Dorchester county, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That the speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Dorchester county, for the election of a delegate in the room of the said Samuel M^cGee; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the 20th day of May next.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves respecting the incorporating of the rifle and German companies, endorsed; “ By the senate, April 11, 1780: Read and assented to.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk”.

The order of the day being read, and this house taking into consideration the pressing and urgent situation of public affairs, and the very important subjects now before the general assembly not allowing time to deliberate and determine on the subject matter of the letter from colonel Forrest of the tenth of November last, ORDERED, That the same be referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

On the second reading the address of the military officers of this state of the seventeenth of March last, RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That this house entertain the highest sense of the merit and services of the several officers belonging to the quota of troops from this state in the service of the United States, and ever wish to preserve the confidence and affection of their virtuous and gallant soldiers; that the right of suffrage, and all other privileges which citizens of this state are entitled to by the declaration of rights and form of government, shall ever be held inviolate and sacred by this house, and if our present form of government excludes officers in the regular service from any privileges which they ought to enjoy in a free government, that this house will hereafter take such subject into consideration, and secure to the military every privilege compatible with the principles of a free republic. That this house, ever mindful of the toils and dangers of their officers and soldiers in the defence of their common liberties, have and will at all times attend to their wants, and grant every reward for their services which the circumstances and ability of this state will permit.

RESOLVED, That the speaker be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to brigadier-general Gift.

Upton Sherenine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to declare and ascertain the privileges of the subjects of France residing in this state, endorsed;

“ By the senate, April 10, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

“ By the senate, April 11, 1780: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

“ By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.”

Amendments proposed. In the second and third lines of the second page, strike out the words “ longer than,” and insert the word “ but.” In the third line after the word “ lives,” insert “ or for years.” In the twenty-second line of the same page, strike out the word “ five” and insert ten.”

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

W E D N E S D A Y, April 12, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Freeland. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Beatty has leave of absence. Mr. Gibson has leave of absence on account of indisposition. Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Birkhead appeared in the house.

A petition of Archibald Hadon, praying permission to depart this state for Britain, by way of New-York, and a petition of Andrew Heugh, of Montgomery county, praying the same indulgence to his son John Heugh, were preferred and read the first and second time, and granted, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to recommend the said Archibald Hadon and John Heugh to his Excellency the commander in chief, or to the commanding officer at Elizabeth-town, to grant them his licence to go into the city of New-York, to obtain a passage to Great-Britain.

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