

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

The letter from the commissioners of the tax in Somerset county, was referred to the committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax.

On the second reading of the letter from Upton Scott to his Excellency the governor, requesting his recommendation to the governor of the state of New-Jersey to grant him permission to pass through the state of New-Jersey to his family in this state, ORDERED, That the said letter be referred to a committee to consider and report their opinion thereon to this house, and that Mr. Worthington, Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. Potts, Mr. Dashiell, and Mr. Quynn, be a committee for that purpose.

A letter of excuse from Mr. Key, for departing without leave, on account of his indisposition, was laid before the house and read, and the house accepted thereof.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the adjournment of the several county courts therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Cadwalader, do prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Elias Rensburgh, of Frederick county, praying a loan-office certificate may be issued to him, for a sum of money subscribed and paid by him to Robert Wood, one of the committee appointed in the act to prevent forestalling and engrossing, passed July session 1779, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the execution of the law to procure a loan.

The petitions from John Needles and Richard Clark, were referred to the committee appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax, &c.

The petitions of sundry inhabitants in Prince-George's county, and sundry inhabitants in St. Mary's county, were referred to the committee appointed to enquire what money and tobacco has been borrowed in virtue of the act to procure a loan, &c.

His Excellency the governor communicates to the house letters from the president of congress of the 26th of October, with acts of congress of the 21st and 24th; and copies of letters from colonel Ephraim Blaine, Robert Forsyth, and Dudley Digges, lieutenant-governor of Virginia; which were read.

A petition from captain Gassaway, of the Maryland line, who was taken prisoner by the enemy in August last, and obtained a parole for the purpose of procuring and carrying supplies for the captured officers, praying to be reimbursed his expences, was preferred, read the first and second time, and referred to the committee of claims.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Cadwalader, be a committee to prepare a letter to major-general Smallwood, requesting a return of the men from this state now in the service of the United States, and the terms for which they are enlisted:

Mr. Hindman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee of claims, to whom the petition of captain Gassaway was referred, beg leave to report, that it is their opinion the service he came upon was an extra one, and that he ought to be allowed the sum of five thousand dollars continental money, to reimburse him the expence he has incurred, and to enable him to return to Carolina agreeable to his parole. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Bayly brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment and continuance of several of the county courts within this state; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Bayly and Mr. Sulivane.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate, informing them of the hours appointed by this house for its sitting this session for the dispatch of public business; which was accordingly done, and sent to the senate by Mr. Cramphin and Mr. Duckett.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, for the sum of five thousand dollars continental currency, in favour of captain John Gassaway, to reimburse him for his reasonable expences in coming to Maryland on behalf of the captive officers belonging to this state, now in South-Carolina, and to enable him to return agreeable to his parole.

Letters of resignation from Mr. Henry Boarman and Mr. Daniel Jenifer, delegates returned for Charles county, were laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Charles county, for the electing two delegates in the room of the said Mr. Boarman and Mr. Jenifer; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the twentieth day of the present month.

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