

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 11

His Excellency the governor communicates to the house a letter from colonel Otho H. Williams, of the 12th of October, enclosing a return of the troops of this state in the service of the United States; which was read, and referred to the committee appointed to consider and report on the letters from his Excellency general Washington, &c.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western shore, and the several county courts therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That his Excellency the governor be requested to issue his proclamation, appointing Thursday the seventh day of December next, to be observed throughout this state as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, agreeable to the recommendation of congress of the eighteenth day of October last.

The bill for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western shore, &c. was read the second time by especial order and passed.

Mr. Potts has leave of absence until Monday next.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 7, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Potts. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the resolves of congress, and letters from his Excellency general Washington and others, beg leave to report, that they have taken into consideration the letter from the president of congress of the 3d of September last, and the resolve of congress of the 26th of August last, and have thereupon come to the following resolutions:

1. That it is the opinion of the committee, that it is expedient and necessary, from the exigency of our public affairs, and the depreciation of the continental bills of credit, and to support the value of the new bills, and to place our finances on a certain and permanent footing, to call in by exchange, in as short a time as possible, the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress.

2. That it is the opinion of the committee, that the exchange be established at the rate of one dollar of the new bills for every forty dollars of the old bills brought in to the commissioner of the continental treasury in this state to be exchanged.

Which are submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the sheriffs of this state to take recognizances of persons taken on criminal writs, in offences less than felony. ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Chase, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. W. Stevenson, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

On motion, the question was put, That the report by Mr. Chase, respecting the bills of credit, be read a second time at the meeting of the house this afternoon? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wright appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Stevenson,	Causin,	Craufurd,	Quynn,	Houston,	Cramphin,
	Wilmer,	Lawson,	Kent,	Morris,	M'Comas,	Oneale,
	Maccubbin,	Job,	Chase,	Dashiell,	Norris,	Hungerford.
	L. Mackall,	Kirk,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Mills,	Deye,	Hindman,	Duckett,	Wright,	Whitely,
	J. Mackall,	J. Stevenson,	Martin,	Magruder,	F. Gaunt,	Alexander,
	T. Gantt,	Hammond,	Ward,	Clagett,	Taylor,	Bayly.
	Dent,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into and report the state and credit of the paper money, particularly the new bills emitted in pursuance of the law made at the last session of the assembly.

YOUR committee beg leave to report to this honourable house, that they have enquired into the credit of the continental, convention, and state money; that they find that continental and