

14 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Normand Bruce, a delegate returned for Frederick county, was laid before the house and read, and thereupon ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of said county, for the electing a delegate in the room of the said Normand Bruce; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the thirtieth instant.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the state of defence of the city of Annapolis at this time; what arms and ammunition can be procured in case of sudden alarm or invasion; what number of men can be immediately raised to repel any hostile attempt from the enemy; and whether proper guards are appointed by land and water to alarm the city, in case the same should be attempted to be surpris'd by the enemy; and that the said committee report, whether the public records of the state now in this city be in a state of security, or whether the same ought not to be removed; and that Mr. Kent, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. Martin, and Mr. Sulivane, be the said committee.

According to order, the house took into consideration the report from the committee appointed to enquire into the state and credit of the paper money, &c. and the question was put, That the said report be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Hall, L. Mackall, Causin, J. Stevenfon,	Hammond, Ward, Kirk,	Magruder, Chafe, Quynn,	Morris, Dashiell, Houston,	Taylor, M'Comas, Norris,	Alexander, Cramphin, Hungerford.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Mills, J. Mackall, W. Stevenfon, Wilmer,	Cadwalader, Worthington, Dent, Deye,	Hindman, Martin, Sulivane, Lawson,	Job, Craufurd, Duckett, Clagett,	Kent, Wright, Earle, F. Gaunt,	Whitely, Bayly, Oncale.

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house concur with the said report? 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	Mills, J. Mackall, Wilmer, Cadwalader,	Worthington, Dent, Hindman, Martin,	Sulivane, Lawson, Job, Craufurd,	Duckett, Clagett, Kent,	Wright, Earle, F. Gaunt,	Whitely, Bayly, Oncale.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	W. Stevenfon, Hall, L. Mackall, Causin,	Deye, J. Stevenfon, Hammond, Ward,	Kirk, Magruder, Chafe, Quynn,	Morris, Dashiell, Houston,	Taylor, M'Comas, Norris,	Alexander, Cramphin, Hungerford.

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the negative by the honourable speaker.

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

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

The house met.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered to impress such and so many vessels as they may think necessary for the purpose of reconnoitering the posture of our enemies, and watching their motions, and to press the hands belonging to the said boats, or employ other hands to man them.

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

REPORT of the committee appointed to enquire into the state of defence of the city of Annapolis at this time; what arms and ammunition can be procured in case of sudden alarm or invasion; what number of men can be immediately raised to repel any hostile attempt from the enemy; and whether proper guards are appointed by land and water to alarm the city, in case the same should be attempted to be surpris'd by the enemy; and that the said committee report, whether the public records of the state now in this city be in a state of security, or whether the same ought not to be removed.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they are informed, that there are two hundred stand of arms and ammunition sufficient; one hundred and forty-four effective militia belonging to