

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

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

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS, to whom the letter from colonel Uriah Forrest and the account of George H. Leigh was referred, beg leave to report,

That they have considered the same, and are of opinion, that this state ought not to pay the money therein charged, as frequent applications have been heretofore made to advance money on account of the United States, and if encouraged, many more may be made, which your committee apprehend will not be allowed in the account of this state against the United States. Which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee appointed to consider the petition of John Trammell, of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they find the facts stated in his petition to be true, and submit to the consideration of the house the propriety of ordering a patent to issue as prayed, or that a law should pass, giving the same validity to the certificate as if a patent had been obtained thereon.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading the letter from the governor, relative to Upton Scott, Esq; his coming from New-York to this city, and the passport granted him by Benjamin Franklin, Esq; and the parole given by Dr. Scott in New-York to Sir Henry Clinton, ORDERED, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Wright, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Kent, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Maccubbin, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Dent, be a committee to consider and report their opinion thereon to the house ; and that they be directed to enquire, whether the resolutions of this house of the third of November last were transmitted to the governor of New-Jersey, and the time when, and by whom ; whether they were received by the governor of New-Jersey ; whether the said Upton Scott, Esq; obtained licence from the governor of that state to pass through that state ; and whether the said Upton Scott, since his coming to this state, hath voluntarily taken the oath of allegiance to this state, and if he has, at what time, and before whom ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

ORDERED, That the letters from his Excellency the governor (referred from the last session) relative to the thirty-third section of the form of government, be referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Morris, Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hungerford, and Mr. Wright, to consider and report thereon.

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

F R I D A Y, December 8, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Plowden. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Cramphin appeared in the house. Mr. Winder has leave of absence. Mr. Bayly has leave of absence until Sunday week.

The report on the petition of William Hopper, referred from the last session, was read, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

ORDERED, That the petition be referred to the committee of claims, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to extend the time and to enforce the collection of the taxes in several of the counties within this state, and for other purposes ; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Clagett and Mr. Giles :

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 8, 1780.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house, desirous of having the embargo on provisions continued in the United States, and that they should act in concert in calling in the continental and state emissions, propose to write a joint letter with your house to the assemblies of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Virginia, on those subjects, and have named Mr. Johnson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Potts, and Mr. Kent, to join with such of the members of your house as you may appoint to draught the letter.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message.

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