

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 59

RESOLVED, That Mr. Francis Deakins be requested immediately to proceed to the south branch of Patowmack, where the manufacture of saltpetre is now carrying on, and that he be empowered to contract for any quantity of good crude saltpetre, that he may find persons able and willing to contract for, to be delivered at Frederick-town in Frederick county, or the mouth of Conococheague-creek in Washington county, at any price not exceeding fourteen-pence per pound, in real money, dischargeable in continental money at the value, the payments to be made on the deliveries, or within a short time to be agreed on thereafter. That the said Francis Deakins be also empowered to purchase any quantity of the land abounding in materials for the making saltpetre, to the amount or value of one thousand pounds real money, which contracts and purchases shall be for the benefit of this state; and this state will not only indemnify the said Francis Deakins on account of the said contracts and purchases, but will also reward him for his time, trouble, and expences, in the said business.

A memorial from Jesse Hollingsworth, praying that the governor and council may be empowered to pay him tobacco for specie lent this state, was preferred and read.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The engrossed bills, No. 9, 10, 11, and 12, were read and assented to, and, with the paper bills thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Hammond and Mr. J. Stevenson.

The resolve empowering Francis Deakins to contract for a quantity of saltpetre, &c. was sent to the senate by Mr. Giles and Mr. Earle.

Mr. Edward Johnson, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general, subject to the direction of the governor and council, be empowered to settle and adjust the account or claim of Dr. Wiefenthal, which properly ought to be a charge against the United States, for medical assistance, and other relief and support afforded by him to continental soldiers in Baltimore-town, since the discontinuance of the continental hospital there; and that the governor and council be empowered to pay the amount thereof, by their order on the treasurer of the western shore; and further, that the governor and council be empowered to advance, by order as aforesaid, to the said Dr. Wiefenthal, such sum of money as they judge necessary for the temporary relief of such of the sick of the continental troops as may be at Baltimore-town, by medical assistance, and supplying such of them with necessaries, as may not be with propriety subsisted on their rations; and that the whole be charged to the United States.

Mr. Dent has leave of absence. Mr. Freland has leave of absence until Monday next.

A petition from William Wilson, praying that he may be permitted to exchange a sum of the bills of credit emitted in the year 1767, which by law ought to have been brought in on or before the first of June last, was preferred and read.

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

THE committee appointed to examine the public horses, the number and condition they are in, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find sixty-six horses purchased, or otherways procured, for the use of the state. Your committee are of opinion, that fifty of the above horses are as yet fit for service, but as provender and convenience for regular feeding such a number of horses at this place would be very expensive, and that they appear already neglected, your committee are of opinion the sooner they are sent from hence the better. Your committee beg leave to recommend, that the remaining sixteen horses be immediately sent to Frederick county, to such persons as will put them in order for the public service.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

An account of Samuel Thomas 3d, purchaser of horses in Montgomery county, was laid before the house and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire and report the number of horses purchased, &c. to consider and report thereon.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve empowering Francis Deakins to contract for saltpetre, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1780:"

Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN clk."

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

T U E S D A Y, December 19, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Dent and Mr. Freland. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Gaunt has leave of absence.

Mr. W.