

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780. 69

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of nonjurors. ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Job, Mr. Duckett, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Key, and Mr. Deye, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

Mr. Hall appeared in the house.

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

THE committee, appointed to enquire and report the number of waggons hired or purchased, and the number of horses purchased, in pursuance of the act to procure an extra supply of provisions, and waggons and horses, passed last June session, and the number of waggons and horses furnished by nonjurors, and if it can be ascertained, the names of the nonjurors; and that the committee enquire into the conduct of the persons appointed contractors by the said act, and particularly whether any contractor hired, purchased or received, any waggons not good, strong or sufficient, or any horses not good, strong or serviceable, and whether any abuses have been committed by the contractors or nonjurors, and if any abuses discovered, to report an effectual mode to punish and prevent them in future, beg leave to report, that the number of horses and waggons hired, purchased, and received from nonjurors, so far as they have had returns, will appear by paper No. 1; the names of nonjurors, so far as they have received returns, who have furnished horses, by paper No. 2; and an account of the whole received, and distribution thereof, by paper No. 3, herewith delivered; we are sorry to say, that in our opinion great and manifest abuses have been committed in the execution of that law, but whether by contractors or nonjurors, or either, your committee cannot ascertain.

Your committee are informed, that the horses delivered by col. Stympson, those by Messieurs Gilpin, Mackey, and Fiddeman, were good, strong and serviceable. We are of opinion, had the law pointed out the commission or salary to be allowed the contractors, and appointed proper persons to receive the horses and waggons fit for service, with a power of rejecting those unfit, that several hundred thousand pounds would have been saved to the state, and the accounts settled with more ease and less expence to all concerned.

All which is submitted to your honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The memorial of Richard B. Lloyd was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Kent, Mr. Hall, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. T. Johnson, and Mr. Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's county, against the address on behalf of Mr. Addison, was preferred and read.

On the second reading the report on the application of Mr. Addison, the question was put, That the house concur with the first part of the said report? Resolved in the affirmative,

The second part of the said report being read, the question was put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Plowden,	Freeland,	Duckett,	Kent,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,
	W. Stevenson,	E. Johnson,	Magruder,	Quynn,	M ^c Comas,	Bayly.
	Wilmer,	Craufurd,	Clagett,	Morris,	Driver,	
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Mills,	Caulin,	Hammond,	Earle,	T. Johnson,	Alexander,
	Key,	Hanson,	Hindman,	Chase,	Taylor,	M ^c Mechen,
	Hall,	Deye,	Lawson,	Dennis,	Norris,	Hungerford.
	Brogden,	J. Stevenson,	Job,	Potts,	Giles,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till half after 3 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 authorized and requested to advance, not exceeding thirty pounds state money, to each supernumerary and recruiting officer of the Maryland line now in this state, on account.

On the second reading the bill for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, the question was put, That the allowances to the sheriffs for their services be in real money, or the value thereof in paper? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Mills,	Brogden,	Hindman,	Clagett,	Morris,	M ^c Meechen,
	Plowden,	Freeland,	Lawson,	Kent,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,
	W. Stevenson,	E. Johnson,	Job,	Earle,	Potts,	Bayly,
	Wilmer,	Caulin,	Craufurd,	Quynn,	T. Johnson,	Hungerford.
	Maccubbin,	Hanson,	Magruder,	Dennis,	Giles,	

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