

agreeable to such scale of depreciation as may be agreed upon by the house, and that the commissioner proceed to the army, there to settle such of those accounts as he cannot settle without.

That such commissioner be authorised and directed to give the officers and private men, to whom pay as aforesaid may be found due, after deducting for cloathing and other things furnished as aforesaid, one certificate or more, bearing interest from the date thereof, and specifying the sums due in specie, so that no certificate shall be for less than one fifth part of the sum due to the person to whom the same shall be given, and that the whole of the certificates given to the same person shall amount to the sum only due to him, which certificates shall be paid out of the money arising from the sale of the confiscated property, or in such other manner as the circumstances of the state will permit.

That the widows and children of officers and soldiers of this state in the continental service, who have fallen or died in the service during the said period, should be entitled to the allowances and benefits above mentioned.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that the part of the 37th article of the form of government, which declares that no person employed in the regular land service or marine of this state or the United States, should have a seat in the general assembly or the council of this state, be repealed in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and that provision be made, that in time of war any regular officer, elected a member of the assembly or council, shall not qualify or act as such before he resigns his commission.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that as doubts have been entertained, whether officers in the regular service are eligible, during the time of holding their military commissions, to civil offices in this state, that it be declared by law, that any regular military officer of this state, or belonging to its quota of troops, having the qualifications required by the constitution, be eligible to any civil office of trust or profit.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. W. Stevenson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following reports :

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS, to whom the accounts of captains Gale and Wright were referred.

YOUR committee have considered the same, and as congress have recommended to this state to make up the depreciation to their officers in the continental service, which is now under consideration of the general assembly, your committee are therefore of opinion, that no particular allowance ought to be made to said officers for money expended by them whilst they were prisoners of war, but that in lieu thereof the depreciation should be made up to them during the time of their captivity. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine the enrollment and lists of the militia, &c.

YOUR committee have examined the account of James Brice, Esq; lieutenant of Anne-Arundel county, and find he has received from the classes neglecting to procure recruits the sum of £. 38,605 17 8, and that he hath repaid to several persons (their class having found a recruit) £. 274 9 6, to three recruits £. 675, and to the treasurer of the western shore, at sundry payments, £. 36,616 13 3, the whole amounting to £. 37,566 2 9, which leaves a balance in his hands of £. 1,039 14 11.

Your committee have also examined the account of Joseph Dashiell, Esq; lieutenant of Worcester county, and it appears that he has received from the classes neglecting to procure recruits, the sum of £. 29,096 17 7, and that he hath paid the whole amount of the money by him so received for provisions purchased by order of the governor and council.

Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which were read.

On the second reading the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, the question was put, that the blank in the said bill for the rate or assessment be filled up with thirty shillings? 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
Plowden,
W. Stevenson,
Wilmer,
Maccubbin,
Freeland,
Fitzhugh,

E. Johnson,
Causin,
Hanson,
J. Stevenson,
Hammond,
Hindman,

Shaw,
Sulivane,
Job,
Craufurd,
Duckett,

Magruder,
Clagett,
Kent,
Chase,
Quynn,

Dennis,
Morris,
Dashiell,
T. Johnson,
Taylor,

M. Comas,
Alexander,
M. Mechen,
Cramphin,
Bayly.

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