

No. 22. An act for emitting bills of credit to the value of five thousand four hundred pounds sterling, for the convenience of change, and issuing them in exchange for the bills of equal value now in circulation.

No. 23. An act to continue an act for the regulation of officers fees, and for other purposes,

No. 24. An act for the relief of certain nonjurors.

No. 25. An act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

Mr. W. Stevenson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to embody a number of select militia, and for immediately putting this state in a proper posture of defence; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the committee on general Washington's letter of the 2d of September, was read the second time and concurred with.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to draught the non-commissioned officers and privates of the regiment extraordinary, into the old battalions of the quota of this state, and to recal the commissioned officers of the said regiment, and to make provision for them. ORDERED, That Mr. Clagett, Mr. W. Stevenson, and Mr. Maccubbin, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The engrossed bill No. 26, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Plowden and Mr. Dennis.

The petition of sundry merchants, &c. of Baltimore-town, was read the second time, and, on motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to enable the naval officers to grant registers for vessels? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E,

Mills,	Hall,	J. Stevenson,	Craufard,	Dennis,	Alexander,
Plowden,	Fitzhugh,	Hindman,	Duckett,	Morris,	M'Mechen,
Key,	E. Johnson,	Shaw,	Magruder,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,
W. Stevenson,	Causin,	Sulivane,	Clagett,	T. Johnson,	Oneale,
Wilmer,	Hanson,	Whitely,	Chafe,	Giles,	Hungerford.
Maccubbin,	Deye,	Lawson,	Quynn,		

N E G A T I V E.

Freeland,	Job,	Taylor,	M'Comas,	Norris,	Bayly.
Hammond,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Alexander, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

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

THE committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Richard Bennett Lloyd, beg leave to report, that they have examined the said memorial, together with two letters from Benjamin Franklin, Esq; and a parole given by the said Richard Bennett Lloyd to lieutenant-general Robertson, of the British army, and are of opinion, that the facts therein stated are true, that the said Richard Bennett Lloyd hath been uniformly attached to the liberties of his country, and entered into the said parole from the peculiar circumstances he was in. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable naval officers to grant registers for vessels; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to repeal the act to restrict the delegates of this state in congress from engaging in any trade, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, January 14, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, January 15, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On the second reading the bill to procure recruits, the question was put, That there be a draught in the last resort, for raising the deficiency of one thousand men proposed to be raised for filling up our quota of the continental army? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye appeared as follow:

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