

The house met.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 20, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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

THE committee, to whom the memorial of Isaac Perkins was referred, beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts set forth in said memorial, and find them to be true, as will appear by the affidavits herewith delivered in. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the auditor-general should be directed to give the said Isaac Perkins credit for 136 C. 3 qrs. 7 lb flour, amounting to about 68 barrels, the balance that appeared to be due by his state of the account, and which Mr. Perkins agreed to deliver, but was consumed in his mills by fire before he returned home for that purpose; and your committee are also of opinion, that the auditor-general should adjust and settle said account, after giving him credit for the flour before directed, and that he ought to be paid the balance that may appear to be due thereon. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee, appointed to consider and report upon the case of the officers of colonel Rawlings's late regiment of riflemen, beg leave to represent, that Thomas Hufsey Lockett, first lieutenant in the first company, James Maccubbin Lingan, second lieutenant ninth company, Rezin Davis, third lieutenant in the second company, and Elijah Evans, third lieutenant in the first company, of the aforesaid regiment, were made prisoners of war at Fort Washington, in November one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and have remained in captivity in New-York till within a few days past, and that in the arrangement of officers in the Maryland line they were entirely neglected; that during their captivity, sundry officers in the Maryland line, whose commissions were subsequent to theirs, have been preferred, and now bear a superior rank to the aforesaid officers; and that Adamson Tanihill was second lieutenant in the same company and regiment with T. H. Lockett, and was promoted to a captaincy in 1778, and now has the command of three companies at Fort Pitt. The committee are of opinion, that the governor and council be requested to write to the board of war, requesting them to make out commissions in such manner, that they may rank as they would have been entitled to, had they been preferred in course. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and thereupon

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to represent to the board of war, That Thomas Hufsey Lockett, first lieutenant in the first company, James Maccubbin Lingan, second lieutenant in the ninth company, Rezin Davis, third lieutenant in the second company, and Elijah Evans, third lieutenant in the first company, of colonel Rawlings's regiment, were made prisoners of war at Fort Washington, in November 1776; and that during their captivity, they were neglected in the general arrangement of the officers of the Maryland line, which hath since taken place, and have also lost their advancement in said regiment; in consequence of which, officers of inferior rank to them in the line, and in that regiment, have been preferred, and now hold commissions superior to theirs; and to request that the board of war take such order therein, that said officers may be preferred to such commissions as their preceding rank will entitle them to, and that the board of war be requested to make no further promotions in the Maryland line, without consulting this state.

The report on the memorial of Isaac Perkins was read the second time and concurred with, and thereupon

RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorised and empowered to settle and adjust the account of Isaac Perkins, of Kent county, one of the commissioners under the act of November session 1779, for the immediate supply of flour and other provisions for the army; and the auditor-general is hereby directed to give the said Perkins credit for one hundred and thirty-six hundred three quarters and seven pounds of flour, which appears to have been consumed by fire in his mills.

A petition from Roger Nelson, praying the general assembly to make provision for the officers now in captivity in South Carolina, and to be allowed a sum of money sufficient to defray his expences, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Bayly, Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Maccubbin, to consider and report thereon.