

T U E S D A Y, January 23, 1781.

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

Mr. E. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, "An act to continue the act prohibiting the export of grain, wheat flour, and flesh provisions, by land, and to permit the exportation of wheat flour and Indian corn, by sea, under certain restrictions; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to regulate auctions, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.
" By the senate, January 23, 1781: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments proposed.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk."
Amendments proposed. Third page, in the thirteenth line strike out the word "five," and insert "two and a half." Fourth page, in the second line from the bottom strike out the word "three" and insert "one."

Which were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The following message was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Hammond.

BY THE HOUSE of DELEGATES, JANUARY 23, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE long continuance of the session, and uneasiness of the attending members to return to their families, have determined this house to rise on Sunday next at furthest, by which time we have no doubt but the necessary business may be completed. We propose to adjourn to the first day of May next.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

ORDERED, That Mr. Sulivane and Mr. E. Johnson be a committee to enquire and report what medicine can be procured in this city necessary in the hospital department for the southern army.

The house adjourns till half after 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the defence of the bay, endorsed; "By the senate, January 20, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.
" By the senate, January 23, 1781: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

" By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk."
Amendments proposed. Page 2. Strike out the 5th enacting clause in the 2d line from the bottom, relating to the erecting a fort on Drum Point; instead of the fort add another galley.

Page 3. Strike out the first enacting clause relating to the company of artillery to garrison the said fort.

Page 4. Strike out from the word "main" in the 8th line from the bottom, to the word "and" in the 7th line from the bottom. At the end of the last clause insert, "if a male person between the ages of sixteen and fifty." At the bottom of the page insert the following clauses:

"And be it enacted, that the justices of Somerset, Dorchester, and Worcester counties, are hereby directed and required to make suitable provisions for the maintainance and support of all persons removed from the said islands, who, in the judgment of the said justices, may stand in need thereof, and the same cause to be levied on their respective counties, and the expences of such maintainance shall be, by the said justices, charged to this state, and an account thereof transmitted to the house of delegates, from time to time, that provision may be made for repayment thereof.

"And be it enacted, that the proprietors of the said islands shall not be called on for, or obliged to pay, any assessment for the said islands, or any of them, so long as they remain depopulated in consequence of this act."

Page 5. Strike out the words "or matros," in the 11th, 13th, 17th, 23d, and 26th lines, and before the word marine," immediately preceding, insert the word "or."

Which were read.

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

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