

merchant vessels bound to sea may collect and lie in perfect safety under the guns of the fort, and the vessels from sea may often come there for protection. If no fort is erected on Patuxent, or on some other river, and none appears to us so proper, the galley, sloop, and barges, will have no place to retire to, if overpowered by superior force. These and other reasons influence us to wish your honours to consent to that part of our bill.

We shall not give any opinion whether the bill is a money bill, as we wish to avoid the discussion of every question which may tend to delay or disagreement in sentiment. We return your honours the bill, and hope you will consent to what we esteem so essentially necessary to the protection of our people and their trade.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Wilmer,	Causin,	Sulivane,	Magruder,	Morris,	Ja. Chapline,
	Maccubbin,	Hanson,	Whitely,	Clagett,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,
	Freeland,	Deye,	Crauturd,	Chase,	Alexander,	Bayly,
	Fitzhugh,	Hammond,	Duckett,	Quynn,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,	Hungerford.
	E. Johnson,					

N E G A T I V E .

Messrs	Plowden,	Hindman,	Lawson,	T. Johnson,	M <sup>c</sup> Comas,	Jo. Chapline,
	W. Stevenson,	Shaw,	Dennis,	Taylor,	Norris,	Oneale.
	J. Stevenson,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and the message sent to the senate, with the bill for the defence of the bay, by Mr. Maccubbin and Mr. Magruder.

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

THE committee, appointed to take into consideration the salaries of the civil officers for the past year, and to report an adequate compensation for their services, beg leave to submit to the house the following list of salaries, settled at the November session 1779: Governor, £. 25,000; council, each, £. 20 per diem; chancellor, £. 12,500; judges of the general court, each, £. 9,000; judges of the court of appeals, each, £. 3,000; treasurer of the western shore, £. 15,000; treasurer of the eastern shore, £. 4,000; auditor-general, £. 12,500; judge of the court of admiralty, £. 3,000; deputy treasurer, £. 7,500; deputy auditor, £. 7,500; clerks to the council, each, £. 5,000; treasurer's clerk, £. 5,000; clerks to the two houses, each, £. 2,000; messenger to the governor and council, £. 1,500.

The committee beg leave further to report, that at the ensuing March session 1780, the house being of opinion, that the foregoing appointments were not an adequate compensation for the time and services of the officers, owing to the depreciation of the money they were settled in, took that subject again into consideration, and RESOLVED, That the governor should be allowed a salary of 4 500 bushels of wheat, in lieu of the £. 25,000 allowed at November session. That one half of the said wheat should be discharged at the rate of £. 17 10 per bushel, the rate of the other half to be settled at a future session. That by a subsequent resolve at the same session, 6000 bushels of wheat were fixed as a salary for the members of the council in lieu of the per diem allowance, 3000 bushels of which were made payable at the rate of £. 17 10 per bushel, and the rate of the remainder left to be settled at a future session. That the house, not thinking it convenient then to go into a further regulation of officers salaries, RESOLVED generally, that they would, at the next session of the general assembly, place the salaries of the other civil officers on the above, or some similar permanent foundation.

Your committee having taken the foregoing resolves into their consideration, and finding the latter of them (although one session hath passed since it was entered into by the house) not yet complied with, are of opinion, that an addition of one hundred per cent. to their salaries, as fixed at November session, will sufficiently compensate for their time and services, and that whatever sums they may have received in consequence of the former establishment, shall go in payment of the allowances to be made at the present session in lieu thereof.

Your committee are further of opinion, that that part of the allowance in wheat to the governor and council which still remains due, ought to be settled at the rate of £. 22 10 per bushel. On that scale there will be due to the governor, for 2250 bushels, the quantity unaccounted for, the sum of £. 50,625; to the council, for 3000 bushels due, the sum of £. 67,500 continental currency.

Your committee observing that no allowance is made to the commissary of stores on the list of salaries of November 1779, and being of opinion that no reason can be alleged why that officer ought not to be provided for as well as the other officers on the civil establishment, have thought proper to submit his case to the house; should the house concur in sentiment, the committee think