

and thereby greatly improving the executive department, our confederating will, in all probability, spread confidence and satisfaction amongst the states, gratify the wish of our illustrious ally, and may make us be considered by our enemy, and all Europe, as one firm cemented body, than which nothing can more directly tend to destroy the hopes of our enemy, or more strongly invite his Most Catholic Majesty and other European powers to a connection with us, and of course establish the independence, peace and happiness of America.

What consequences may flow from not confederating cannot be foreseen; all that may with propriety, and perhaps more, will be imputed to it, and though we, in common with the rest of this state in particular, and the other states in general, are to be affected by such as are real, we hold ourselves acquitted of being the occasion of them. Your honours ought therefore to be firmly persuaded of the soundness of that policy, by which so many besides yourselves are to be affected, and of which the consequences will be wholly out of your own controul.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and sent to the senate by Mr. Morris and Mr. Cramphin.

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

THE committee, appointed to enquire what medicines can be procured for the use of the southern army, beg leave to report, that they have examined the state medicinal store, and have ordered what medicine they think necessary, likewise two pieces of new linen, and as much old and soft tow as can be procured, for bandages and lint.

Your committee waited on the governor, to enquire whether any shirts could be procured for the use of the soldiers, and were informed, that upwards of a thousand were sent some time past.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, endorsed; "By the senate, January 29, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And the resolution in favour of the state clothier, and the resolution relative to soldiers passing through this state, severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 29, 1781: Read and assented to."

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

And also a letter from his Excellency the governor, relative to the examination of John Stump; which was read.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to settle and adjust the accounts of the troops of this state, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, January 29, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

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. John Barnes, a delegate returned for Washington county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

A letter from Uriah Forrest, containing a resignation of his appointment as auditor-general, was laid before the house, read, and accepted, and thereupon

RESOLVED, that this house will, on to-morrow morning, go into the appointment of an auditor-general.

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

By the COMMITTEE of ELECTIONS and PRIVILEGES.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that by the certificate of the sheriff of Washington county it appears, that John Barnes, Esq; was unanimously and duly elected a delegate for said county, in the room of John Stull, Esq; who resigned. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion, the question was put, that the rate of £. 22 10 per bushel be allowed the governor for 2250 bushels of wheat, that being the remaining part of his salary left unsettled by a resolve of March session, 1780; that the said rate of £. 22 10 per bushel be allowed the council for 3000 bushels of wheat, being the remaining part of their salary left unsettled, as fixed by a resolve of the same session; that the auditor-general be empowered to settle the salaries of the other officers on the civil list for the year 1780, adjusting their accounts agreeably to a resolve of this

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