

Mr. Scott brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bills No. 34 and 35, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Alexander and Mr. Seth.

Mr. Craufurd, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled; An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to represent to congress, on the best information they can obtain, the numbers of men which have been raised in this state for the regiments or quotas of other states, or separate or detached corps, and strongly urge congress, as justice requires, that any non-commissioned officers or men of the line or quota of any other of the United States, or annexed thereto, be returned to the line of this state, and that such as are of any corps not reckoned as the quota of any particular state, be allowed in the quota of this state; and that congress be requested to take measures for carrying their resolutions for this purpose into effect.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Brogden and Mr. Caufin.

Samuel Hughes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolve, endorsed; "By the senate, June 27, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

The bill relating to public creditors, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to consult with general Smallwood, respecting the draught horses and light horse directed to be procured by the act of this session, and if on consideration it should be judged unnecessary to raise so great a number, the governor and council may suspend the further execution of the law whenever a sufficient number shall be raised; and in case more are already raised than may be deemed necessary, then the governor and council may return all supernumerary horses, having respect, in the first instance, to the friends of government whose horses may have been taken; and if those whose horses have been taken should refuse to receive them, the governor and council may direct immediate sale to be made for ready money, or short credit, of such supernumerary horses, at the highest prices that can be obtained, and to lodge the monies arising from such sales in the treasuries of the respective shires.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Giles and Mr. Morris.

The bill relating to public creditors, was sent to the senate by Mr. W. Stevenson and Mr. T. Gantt.

RESOLVED, That the president and speaker inform the honourable congress, that this state having furnished a full proportion of men and money to carry on the present war, and its officers having distinguished themselves in the service equal to any in the continental line, the general assembly think the state has a just claim to a number of general officers holding a proper rank in the line to command its troops.

That this state has frequently applied to congress on this subject, and in particular by a letter written by order of the assembly to the president of congress, dated the fifteenth of May 1780, without obtaining their reasonable request.

That the promotion of major-general Smallwood was, from causes unknown to this state, so long delayed, that this gentleman, in whose abilities the state and its troops have the greatest confidence, is among the youngest major-generals in the service, and must submit the command of the troops of this state to others, whenever they are joined to any other division of the continental army, or whenever another major-general is present.

That the general assembly are induced, by the duty they owe the state, and a due sense of general Smallwood's merit, to solicit the attention of congress to this subject, and to request they will take such measures as are necessary to have justice done to the state and its officers.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Clagett and Mr. Winder.

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting the draught and light horses, and the resolutions respecting the men and money furnished by this state, and respecting general Smallwood; severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 27, 1781: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On the second reading by especial order of the bill to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property, the question was put, That the following clause be added thereto? "Whereas, by the act for the seizure and confiscation of British property, the subjects of this state, who are creditors of British subjects, shall be indemnified out of the effects of their individual debtors, and the citizens of this state, who have taken the oath or affirmation of fidelity or support thereto, and have manifested their attachment to the present government, by exerting themselves in support of the independence of America, should be fully paid and indemnified so far as their British debtor or debtors is or are solvent, and of the British property seized and confiscated in consequence of the said act; and whereas it is reasonable that the creditors of persons who have been