

the said committee enquire and report the number of recruits obtained under the act to procure recruits, passed last October session, and the bounty given.

That Mr. Dent, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. M^cMechen, be a committee to enquire and report the state and condition of the militia, and their opinion what further regulations or provisions are necessary; and also to enquire whether the number of select militia has been completed agreeable to the act to raise two battalions, &c. passed last May session.

That Mr. Nicholas Worthington, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Samuel Worthington, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Job, be a committee to enquire into and report a list and amount of the claims of public creditors, adjusted agreeable to the act relating to public creditors, passed last May session; and also to enquire into and report the amount of the state debt in specie, and their opinion what provision can be made this session for the punctual payment of the interest accruing thereon, and whether provision can be made this session to discharge part of the principal in proportion to each debt; also that the said committee enquire into and report what debts due from this state in tobacco (for tobacco borrowed or payable in that article) has been discharged in tobacco, and whether the debt contracted for cloathing bought or seized has been paid by the sale or exchange of public flour and tobacco, as directed by the act relating to public creditors, passed last May session.

That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Chew, and Mr. Stull, be a committee to enquire into and report the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, and particularly the amount of the said property discovered or sold, and the expence of the said commissioners and their clerk since their appointment.

That Mr. Coursey, Mr. Seney, Mr. Causin, Mr. Wright, and Mr. Smithson, be a committee to enquire into and report the amount of the money, tobacco, or flour, expended, of the supplies collected in virtue of the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, and particularly the sums advanced or expended in the defence of the state.

That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Chew, Mr. Brevard, and Mr. Duckett, be a committee to inspect the books of accounts of the treasurer and auditor, relating to the last emission; and that they particularly enquire into and report how much of the fifth part thereof, appropriated to the defence of the state, has been advanced or expended for that purpose; and that the said committee also enquire into and report how much of the residue of the said emission, appropriated to defray the expences of the present campaign, has been applied to that purpose; and also that the said committee report the amount of all expenditures since the first of January last, and the general heads or articles which constitute the same.

ORDERED, That each of the said committees have power to send for persons, papers and records.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims enquire into and report what amount of the two state emissions in June seventeen hundred and eighty have been brought into the treasury; and also what sum in specie has been advanced to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line; and also what sum of the three thousand pounds of the last emission (appropriated to defray the expence of expresses, and the claims of the most distressed of the public creditors for their personal labour) has been applied to those purposes.

Mr. Wilson has leave of absence until Tuesday next.

Mr. Thomas Beatty, a delegate returned for Frederick county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

RESOLVED, That this house will, on every Saturday during this session, take into consideration the petitions and memorials which may remain on the table.

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

SATURDAY, November 24, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Allein, Mr. Brogden, and Mr. Wilson. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chew has leave of absence until Friday next, Mr. Samuel Worthington until Saturday next, and Mr. M^cMechen until Monday week.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of Talbot's (or New Connought) manor, in Cæcil county, referred from the last session, was read, and referred to the committee appointed to report on the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property.

ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to prepare a message to the senate, informing them, that this house propose to go into the choice of delegates to congress on Tuesday next; and that Mr. Wright, Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Stone, be the said committee.

Mr. Stone brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 24, 1781.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house propose to go into the appointment of delegates to represent this state in congress on Wednesday next at one o'clock.

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