

Which was read a first and second time and agreed to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sprigg.

ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Forrest, be a committee to enquire what officers and soldiers, of detached corps, are considered part of the quota of this state, and entitled to depreciation.

The petition from All Faiths parish, in St. Mary's county, referred from the last session, was read: Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Daniel Heester, junior, of Pennsylvania, setting forth, that he obtained a deed from Jonathan Hagar, his brother-in-law, for fourteen hundred acres of land, and five lots in Elizabeth-town, and also a power of attorney, but being in the power of the enemy at Halifax, he was unable to bring them off with him, so as to have them recorded within the time directed by law, but that they are now recorded among the land records of Washington county; and therefore praying an act may pass to validate the same, together with a deed of partition.—A petition from Susannah Fritchie, Elizabeth Plegher, and Eleanor Shuman, widows of Caspar Fritchie, Yost Plegher, and Peter Shuman, who were lately condemned and executed in Frederick county, for treason, praying that their husbands property may be secured to them and their children.—And a petition from sundry inhabitants on George's creek, in Washington county, setting forth, that they, at the risk of their lives, acquired lands on the frontiers of this state, which they now hold, and praying an act may pass securing them in the possession thereof.—Severally endorsed, "By the senate, November 24, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

And also a letter from Philip Thomas, Esq; lieutenant of Frederick county, of the 15th instant, and the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 24, 1781.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be ready to go into the appointment of delegates to represent this state in congress at the time proposed in your message by Messieurs Thomas and Sprigg.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which were read, and the petition of Daniel Heester referred to Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Lloyd, and Mr. Bayly, to consider and report thereon.

And the petition of Susannah Fritchie, Elizabeth Plegher, and Eleanor Shuman, referred to Mr. Job, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Stull, to consider and report thereon.

ORDERED, That the petition of John and Mary Polton, with the counter petition thereto, referred from the last session, be taken into consideration on Saturday next.

ORDERED, That the honourable Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer, Esq; be requested to attend this house on Tuesday next at ten o'clock, to give information on the state of their affairs in Europe and America; and that Mr. Stone notify the same to him.

ORDERED, That the committee appointed to enquire into the quantity of cloathing, provisions, &c. be directed to enquire and report the number of light and draught horses, or waggons in lieu thereof, procured or seized in virtue of the act to procure an immediate supply of cloathing, &c. passed last May session, and the number obtained in each county, and the amount of the certificates given, and the average price allowed for light and draught horses, and if any extravagant price, to report the same; and also to enquire what has been done with the horses procured, and if any remain on hand, what ought to be done with them.

A petition from Nathan Norton, of Cæcil county, on the subject of manufactories, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to receive any proposal for the establishment of manufactories.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Charles county, respecting the manor lands lately sold as British property, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into and report the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, &c.

ORDERED, That Mr. Job, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Norris, Mr. Causin, and Mr. Rowland, be a committee to consider and report upon the petitions of nonjurors.

The petition of All Faiths parish, in St. Mary's county, was read the second time, granted, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from sundry residents in Frederick-town, respecting some lots in said town confiscated and sold as British property, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed to report the proceedings of the commissioners to preserve confiscated British property, &c.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of Frederick and Washington counties, praying the enlargement of persons who have been tried and committed for treasonable practices against the state, were preferred and read, and, on motion, the question was put, That the said petitions be dismissed? Carried in the negative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

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