

a captain and two lieutenants, would be sufficient to defend the said fort, which ought to mount four twelve or eighteen pounders, and two four pounders.

By order,

G. RANKEN, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from George Brewer, setting forth, that he has sustained great loss by the depredations of the enemy, and praying he may be relieved from taxation, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Herbert Blakistone.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Dashiell and Mr. Handy, to consider and report thereon.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

ORDERED, That summonses issue for the sheriffs of Anne-Arundel, Prince-George's, and Charles counties, to appear at the bar of this house on Tuesday next.

A petition from James Fernandes, setting forth, that he served as a soldier in the first Maryland regiment, and was made prisoner at the battle of Long-Island, during which he sustained and despised every cruelty and temptation, and praying to be allowed the depreciation of his pay while in service, was preferred and read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Forrest, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions of Philemon Griffith, John Usher Charlton, and James Fernandes.

The bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial at the next general court for the western shore, was sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Jenifer.

The bill for an addition to Baltimore-town was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wilson and Mr. M'Mechen.

The petition of Anne Rorer and Isaac Baighle was read the second time and granted, and leave given to bring in a bill agreeable to the prayer of the petitioners. ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Jenifer, and Mr. Stull, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

A petition from Levin Handy, setting forth, that he had a company in the fifth regiment of the troops belonging to this state, and conceives himself considerably injured in receiving his pay at the depreciated rate of the money, and praying he may be allowed the depreciation of his pay while in service, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee on the petition of James Fernandes, &c.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Bayly and Mr. Dennis.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 10, 1782.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house has appointed from nine o'clock in the morning until one in the afternoon, and from three till six, for its sitting every day this session for the dispatch of public business.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

A petition from Aaron Sterling, setting forth, that he has sustained great loss by the depredations of the enemy, and praying that he may be relieved from the payment of the present assessment, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Herbert Blakistone.

The petition of John Anderton, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Eccleston, and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bayly, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable from George-town in Montgomery county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial at the next general court of the western shore, endorsed; "By the senate, May 10, 1782: 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 to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, MAY 11, 1782.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Burges. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Lloyd appeared in the house. Mr. John Love, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner took his seat in the house.

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