

than the performance of that duty under the obligation or compulsion of any positive law. We cannot therefore, for these reasons, recede from this amendment.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

James M<sup>c</sup>Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 8, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that the address be signed by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, and have appointed Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Charles Carroll, Barrister, and Edward Lloyd, Esquires, to join the members named by you to present it to his Excellency the Count de Rochambeau.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr Speaker the following letter from his Excellency the Count de Rochambeau, to the honourable the President of the senate and Speaker of the house of delegates.

GENTLEMEN,

I RECEIVE with great gratitude the marks of esteem and friendship that you are so good as to bestow on me and all the French army. If we have been happy enough to co-operate, for the advantage of your country, in the different positions in which we have been with the American army, under the orders of his Excellency General Washington, we have only filled the pure and generous intentions of the king our master towards his allies; but we acknowledge likewise, with the greatest satisfaction, that the state of Maryland, in all the occasions that the army has passed through it, has not only been ever ready to furnish it with all the things belonging both to war and their own daily consumption, but that the French troops have been received with that cordiality, friendship, and hospitality, which could only be bestowed upon allies that are both beloved and esteemed. I beg of you, Gentlemen, to receive kindly all the assurances of the eternal gratitude that I and the troops which I have had the honour to command, will entertain of all your favours.

Annapolis, Jan. 8, 1783.

Le Cte. de ROCHAMBEAU.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the same, together with the vote of thanks to his Excellency the Count de Rochambeau, be published in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers.

On the second reading of the message on the militia bill, the question was put, That the governor be exempted from ordinary militia duty? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the governor and the members of the council be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the members of the general assembly be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the chancellor be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the judges of the general court and court of appeals be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the judge of the court of admiralty be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the delegates to congress be exempted from military duty? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Lloyd seconded by Mr. Fell, the question was put on the following: RESOLVED, That the governor and members of the council, the chancellor, the judges of the general court and court of appeals, the judge of the court of admiralty, and the delegates to congress, be excused from doing duty in the militia, except when the militia shall be called out into actual service? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bowie seconded by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Cadwalader,	Stone,	Stevens,	Quynn,	Norris,	Keene,
	Lloyd,	Courts,	Kent,	Duvall,	Smithson,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,
	B. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Sewell,	Beatty,	Hopper,	Fell.
	Hall,	Sherwood,	Chafe,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	N. Worthington,	Smoot,	Miller,	Seney,	Wheeler,	Burgess,
	Brogden,	Job,	Bowie,	Ogle,	Chapline,	Griffith,
	Wilkinson,	Brevard,	Magruder,	Taylor,	Sprigg,	Oneale.
	S. Worthington,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.