

W E D N E S D A Y, January 4, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of ———; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Taney, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, appointed to consider the petition of Alexander Lawson Smith, beg leave to report, That they believe the several facts set forth in the petition are true as they are stated; that in consequence of an act of assembly passed at October session in the year seventeen hundred and eighty, the field and commissioned officers of the regiment extraordinary were recalled, and by the said law it is declared and enacted, that the officers aforesaid should be reimbursed the extraordinary expence they might have incurred, and that over and above the pay that might be due them, at the time of their discharge, they should receive one year's pay, deducting therefrom the money and value of the cloathing and other necessaries by them received; with a proviso, that the petitioner should hold the rank of lieutenant-colonel, as a supernumerary officer of this state in the continental service, he having resigned his commission in the continental service for the purpose of accepting the command of the said regiment extraordinary. Your committee are of opinion, that the public faith is pledged to the petitioner, for securing to him the commutation prayed for, and that as the state had made the advance of one year's pay over and above the pay due for the time the petitioner was in the regiment extraordinary, that the money so advanced should be discounted out of money claimed for commutation, and that a proper person be authorized to purchase and deliver final settlements to the amount of the balance which shall appear to be due to lieutenant-colonel Smith, he being allowed a similar sum of commutation with other officers of his rank in the continental army. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Thomas Harwood the third, and others, securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of Prince George's county, deceased; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Dent, and Mr. Carroll, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from John Smock, of Worcester county, praying an act may pass to make valid a deed for a parcel of land from M'Kimmy Smock; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Chaille, Mr. Purnell, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Clement Brook, executor of Robert Young Stokes, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for erecting a town at the mouth of Sulquehanna river in Hartford county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. R. Bowie appeared in the house.

On the second reading the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, the question was put, That the following words "or of any other species, as the inspector or inspectors shall think proper," be inserted in the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. N. Worthington appeared as follow :

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

Messieurs	Key,	Grahame,	Goldsborough,	Waters,	Joseph Dashiell,	Norris,
	De Butts,	Fraizer,	Bracco,	Chaie,	Purnell,	Hughlett,
	Lethbrury,	Ridgely of Wm.	Gale,	Quynn,	Faw,	Driver.
	Graves,	Edmondson,	Adams,	Chaille,	Beatty,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Bond,	Jones,	Roberts,	W. Bowie,	Joshua Seney,	Stull,
	B. Worthington,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Digges,	Bayly,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Stone,	Hooper,	R. Bowie,	Love,	Wootton,
	Hall,	Ridgely,	Oglevee,	F. Bowie,	Wheeler,	Cramphin.
Taney,	Stevenson,	Miller,	John Seney,	Downes,		

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "or mixed" be struck out of the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie appeared as follow :

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

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Jones,	Miller,	R. Bowie,	Love,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	W. Bowie,	F. Bowie,	Wheeler,	Wootton,
	Hall,	Ridgely,	Digges,	Joshua Seney,	Downes,	Cramphin.
	Taney,	Stevenson,				

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