

Munday 24th Jan

Liber A

The ffreemen assembled except Tho: Allen, Rich. Banks, M^r ffenwick, M^r Brooks, M^r Thorneborough Walter Pakes, who were amerced by the howse according to the order. But after reuoaked, by reason of the weather

Published eod. It is this day ordered by the howse th^t noe one except the forenamed 16 members or their Delegates assembled wth the Gou^r & the Clerk shall have uote or seate in the howse afore the gräll day of sessions.

M^r Rob^t Clark Proxie for W^m Lewis.

Jn^o Hatch proxie for Tho: Hebden, Tho: Jackson & Tho: Allen & all his Uoyces.

was read an Order of this pnt Assembly for the leuying of Corne towards the defraying of the Soldiers wages. And Assented unto by the whole howse, except Rich: Banks Jn^o Hatch, W Waterlin,

Published eod. Whereas diuers of the Soldiers now being in the Country are Alltogether destitute, of Corne for their pnt subsistence w^{ch} (by conditions wth the late deceased Gou^r contracted should have bene defrayed before this time. But by reason of the scarcity thereof this yeare in the Country & noe Corne remaying on his L^{ps} estates more, then what is allready Distributed unto the s^d Soldier, His L^{ps} Attorney (to whom it belongeth) is unable for the pnt to discharge untill Corne be brought into the pro: by way of Trade or otherwise. And whereas in the meane time unlesse some speedy course be considered uppon & taken by the Country in discharging the s^d Corne it is much to be feared th^t diuers disturbances may happen in the pro: euen to the utter subuersion & ruine of the same. To preuent all w^{ch} mischeifes (it being apprehended that there is some considerable quan^{ty} of Corne in the Country by diuers concealed for their priuate interests w^{ch} if it were purchased of the owners, & distributed in part among the s^d Soldeers would be a great satisfaction to them & consequently a stop to all feares of ensuing mischeifes) Be it therefore Ordered by the authority of this pnt Assembly that the Gou^r shall haue power by one or more sworne Officers thereunto by him appoynted to veiw and measure euery mans Corne in the pro: And where there shall bee more fownd then sufficient to suffice th^t howshold (th^t is to say aboue 2 barrells: for euery head except sucking children) to presse the same, & deliur^r it to his L^{ps} Attorney, for the soldiers use, allowing the owners thereof 150^t Tob: p^r bar: at the next Crop: or to haue soe much againe restored this yeare If Corne shall be brought into the pro: by Trade