

10 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER, 1780.

F R I D A Y, November 24, 1780.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Letters from our delegates in congress, with a request from the reverend Henry Addison, now in New York, to permit him to return to the state of Maryland, were read, and, with the resolution respecting Legh Master, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, November 25, 1780.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The senate adjourns till Monday morning half after 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, November 27, 1780.

THE senate met. Present as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; appeared in the senate. A petition from John Scott, praying that he might be relieved from certain restrictions laid on him by resolves of convention; a petition from Robert Armstrong, of St. Mary's county, to be relieved from the fifteen per cent. a petition from Bartholomew Smith, of St. Mary's county, to be relieved from the same; a letter from John Hanson, Esq; recommending a provision for sundry officers; and a petition from William Cummings, to be relieved from the treble tax; were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Richard Barnes, Esq;

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning half after 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, November 28, 1780.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Messieurs Clagett and Hanion, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 27, 1780.

The house having taken into consideration the report of the committee appointed to consider the memorial of colonel Rawlings, commissary of prisoners, and it appearing, that the said prisoners are in the utmost want of an immediate supply of provisions, therefore **RESOLVED**, That the said colonel Rawlings be empowered to make contracts for beef or pork, or other provisions, in hard money, payable in paper at the current exchange at the time of payment, for the immediate supply of the said prisoners; and that the governor and council be requested to draw on the sheriff of Washington county in favour of colonel Rawlings for the sum of sixty thousand pounds continental money.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 27, 1780.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that several collectors of the tax have paid into the treasury certificates purchased by them, **RESOLVED**, That no certificate be allowed to any collector in his account, unless the same has been bona fide received by him in payment of taxes due, or to become due, from the person paying such certificate in his county, and on the settlement of the account of any collector, he shall make oath before the treasurer, that the certificates for which he claims an allowance were actually and bona fide paid to him for taxes due or to become due from the person paying such certificate in his county.

By order,

F. GREEN, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, NOVEMBER 27, 1780.

Whereas it is represented to the general assembly, that our allies have suffered inconveniences and injuries from the abuse the British make of papers and clearances taken in American prizes, by personating the officers and commanders named in such papers; for the prevention of which in future,

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested, on granting commissions for private vessels of war, to certify, under their seal of office, on the back of the commissions, a minute description of the persons of the captain and his lieutenant, with their age, stature, complexion, and other visible distinguishing marks, respectively.

RESOLVED,