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MONDAY, *April 1, 1782.*

On a report of the superintendent of finance, to whom was referred a motion of Mr. Bee, seconded by Mr. Motte,

Resolved, That the register be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to charge the sum of 50,000 continental dollars, paid to the hon. Thomas Bee, in virtue of a warrant dated the 13th of September, 1780, to the state of South-Carolina, and credit the account of major-general Lincoln for the same.

A letter, of the 31st of March, from Jonas Fay, Moses Robinson, Paul Spooner and Isaac Tichenor, was read, informing that in consequence of the resolution of Congress, of the 20th of August last, the state of Vermont have invariably pursued every measure in order to comply with the said resolution, in a manner that was consistent with the obligations she was under to the people inhabiting the east and west unions, and maintaining the peace and harmony of her citizens with those inhabitants; and enclosing several resolutions of the legislature of Vermont, announcing their compliance with the preliminary required in the said resolution of Congress, of the 20th of August last; together with a duplicate of a commission to them, under the great seal of the state, empowering them, in behalf of the state of Vermont, to subscribe the articles of confederation.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Scott,

That the letter of Jonas Fay, &c. with the papers accompanying the same, together with the several papers on the files of Congress, relating to the same subject, and received since the 20th of August last, be referred to a committee.

And on the question for commitment, the yeas and nays being required by

Mr. Scott,

<i>N.-Hampshire</i> ,	Mr. Livermore,	ay	}	*	<i>Delaware</i> ,	Mr. M'Kean,	ay	}	
<i>Massachusetts</i> ,	Mr. Patridge,	ay	}	ay	<i>Maryland</i> ,	Wharton,	ay	}	ay
	Osgood,	ay				Mr. Hanson,	ay		
<i>Rhode-Island</i> ,	Mr. Ellery,	ay	}	ay	<i>Virginia</i> ,	Carroll,	ay	}	ay
	Cornell,	ay				Mr. J. Jones,	no		
<i>Connecticut</i> ,	Mr. Law,	ay	}	ay		Madison,	ay	}	no
	Wolcott,	no				Lee,	no		
<i>New-York</i> ,	Mr. Scott,	no	}	no	<i>S.-Carolina</i> ,	Mr. Middleton,	no	}	div.
	Floyd,	ay				Bee,	ay		
<i>New-Jersey</i> ,	Mr. Clark,	ay	}	ay	<i>Georgia</i> ,	Mr. Telfair,	no	}	no
	Condict,	ay				N. W. Jones,	no		
<i>Pennsylvania</i> ,	Mr. T. Smith,	ay	}	ay					
	Clymer,	ay							

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee, consisting of Mr. Madison, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Cornell, to whom was referred a letter of the 23d of February last, from the president of New-Hampshire, which is as follows:

That so much of the said letter as relates to five millions of dollars of the old emission, remaining in the treasury of New-Hampshire, as a surplus of the quota allotted to that state for redemption, be referred to the superintendent of finance to report:

On the question to agree to this part of the report, resolved in the affirmative. The committee having further reported a resolution, which being amended to read,

“That Congress call upon the states of Rhode-Island and Georgia for an immediate definitive answer whether they will comply with the recommendation of Congress to vest them with power to levy a duty of five per cent. on all goods imported, and on prizes and prize goods.”

A motion was made by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Bland, to amend the proposition by adding, “and that it be recommended to those states who have passed acts adopting the said recommendation on certain conditions, to revise and amend said acts.”

And on the question to agree to this amendment, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Howell,

<i>N.-Hampshire,</i>	Mr. Gilman,	no	*	<i>Maryland,</i>	Mr. Hanson,	no	} no
<i>Massachusetts,</i>	Mr. Osgood,	no	} no		Carroll,	no	
	Jackson,	no				Wright,	
<i>Rhode-Island,</i>	Mr. Arnold,	ay	} ay	<i>Virginia,</i>	Hemaley,	no	} no
	Howell,	ay				Mr. J. Jones,	
<i>Connecticut,</i>	Mr. Huntington,	no	} no	Madison,	no	} no	
	Dyer,	no			Bland,		ay
<i>New-York,</i>	Mr. Duane,	no	} no	<i>N.-Carolina,</i>	Mr. Williamson,	no	} no
	L'Hommedieu,	no			Blount,	no	
<i>New-Jersey,</i>	Mr. Condict,	no	} no	<i>S.-Carolina,</i>	Mr. Rutledge,	no	} no
	Witherspoon,	no			Ramsay,	no	
<i>Pennsylvania,</i>	Mr. Montgomery,	no	} no	Izard,	ay	} ay	
	Clymer,	no			Gervais,		ay
	Atlee,	no		Middleton,	ay	} *	
				<i>Georgia,</i>	Mr. N. W. Jones,		ay

So the amendment was lost.

On the question to agree to the proposition of the grand committee, the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Howell,

<i>N.-Hampshire,</i>	Mr. Gilman,	ay	*	<i>Maryland,</i>	Mr. Hanson,	ay	} ay
<i>Massachusetts,</i>	Mr. Osgood,	ay	} ay		Carroll,	ay	
	Jackson,	ay				Wright,	
<i>Rhode-Island,</i>	Mr. Arnold,	no	} no	<i>Virginia,</i>	Hemaley,	ay	} ay
	Howell,	no				Mr. Jones,	
<i>Connecticut,</i>	Mr. Huntington,	ay	} ay	Madison,	ay	} ay	
	Dyer,	ay			Bland,		ay
<i>New-York,</i>	Mr. Duane,	ay	} ay	<i>N.-Carolina,</i>	Mr. Williamson,	ay	} ay
	L'Hommedieu,	ay			Blount,	ay	
<i>New-Jersey,</i>	Mr. Condict,	ay	} ay	<i>S.-Carolina,</i>	Mr. Rutledge,	ay	} ay
	Witherspoon,	ay			Ramsay,	ay	
<i>Pennsylvania,</i>	Mr. Montgomery,	ay	} ay	Izard,	ay	} ay	
	Clymer,	ay			Gervais,		ay
	Atlee,	ay		Middleton,	no	} *	
				<i>Georgia,</i>	Mr. Jones,		no

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

FRIDAY, October 11, 1782.

Pursuant to the resolutions of the 27th of February last, the superintendent of finance reports, that he has appointed Mr. Edward Fox, a commissioner for settling the accounts of the hospital department, desiring to be favoured with the orders of Congress if they shall disapprove the appointment.

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. Boudinot, Mr. Duane and Mr. Williamson, to whom were referred the letter of the 26th of September from the commander in chief, and the letter of the 21st of September from general Schuyler :

Resolved, That the commissioners of Indian affairs for the northern department, be instructed to avail themselves of the change of temper which is represented to prevail in the tribes of Indians under their superintendance, and to

devise and report to Congress the best means of securing the said tribes against the future intrigues of the enemy,

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Osgood and Mr. Carroll, to whom was referred a letter of the 12th of August last, from the speaker of the assembly of Georgia :

Ordered, That a copy of the resolutions of the 9th of September last, relative to the southern department, be transmitted to the governor of Georgia, and that he be informed Congress doubt not but protection and security will be given to the state of Georgia, by a proper execution of the said resolutions.

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Williamson, appointed to prepare a recommendation to the states, setting apart a day of thanksgiving and prayer, Congress agreed to the following act :

It being the indispensable duty of all nations, not only to offer up their supplications to Almighty God, the giver of all good, for his gracious assistance in a time of distress, but also in a solemn and public manner to give him praise for his goodness in general, and especially for great and signal interpositions of his providence in their behalf; therefore, the United States in Congress assembled, taking into their consideration the many instances of divine goodness to these states, in the course of the important conflict in which they have been so long engaged; the present happy and promising state of public affairs; and the events of the war in the course of the year now drawing to a close, particularly the harmony of the public councils, which is so necessary to the success of the public cause; the perfect union and good understanding which has hitherto subsisted between them and their allies, notwithstanding the artful and unwearied attempts of the common enemy to divide them; the success of the arms of the United States and those of their allies, and the acknowledgment of their independence by another European power, whose friendship and commerce must be of great and lasting advantage to these states; do hereby recommend it to the inhabitants of these states in general, to observe, and request the several states to interpose their authority in appointing and commanding the observation of Thursday, the 28th day of November next, as a day of solemn thanksgiving to God for all his mercies: and they do further recommend to all ranks, to testify their gratitude to God for his goodness, by a cheerful obedience to his laws, and by promoting, each in his station, and by his influence, the practice of true and undefiled religion, which is the great foundation of public prosperity and national happiness. Done in Congress, &c. &c.

MONDAY, October 14, 1782.

Pursuant to the resolution of the 27th of February last, the superintendent of finance reported Mr. Joseph Bindon as the commissioner for settling the accounts of the clothing department, desiring the orders of Congress if they disapprove the appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Rutledge,

“That brigadier-general Moultrie be promoted to the rank of a major-general, to take rank in the army as such from the 15th of September, 1780.”

A motion was made by Mr. Duane, seconded by Mr. L’Hommedieu, to amend the motion by inserting “James Clinton and,” before “Moultrie.”

An objection being made to this as being out of order,

On the question, is the motion for amending in order? the yeas and nays being required by Mr. Duane,

<i>N. Hampshire</i> , Mr. Gilman,	no	} * } div.	<i>New-York</i> ,	Mr. Duane,	ay	} ay	
<i>Massachusetts</i> , Mr. Osgood,	ay			<i>New-Jersey</i> ,	L’Hommedieu,		ay
Jackson,	no				Mr. Boudinot,		ay
<i>Rhode-Island</i> , Mr. Arnold,	ay	} div.		Condict,	ay	} ay	
Howell,	no			Witherspoon,	ay		
<i>Connecticut</i> , Mr. Huntington,	no	} no	<i>Pennsylvania</i> ,	Mr. Smith,	no	} div.	
Dycr,	no				Clymer,		ay