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Sketch of the Proceedings of the General Court.  
(Continued from our last.)

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12.

SUPPORT OF THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR.

The Committee, of which Mr. BRECK was Chairman, met to consider what provision it may be necessary to make for support of the Lieutenant-Governor, reported, by way of order, "That a Committee be appointed to wait on his excellency the Governor, and request, that he will be pleased to give information to the House whether any person is appointed and commissioned to execute the office of Captain of the Garde, & of the Castle, in the harbour of Boston—and asked leave to sit again."

On the report being read at the table, Dr. Jarvis said, he had to ask, what object the Committee had in view in the inquiry.

Mr. HENSHAW said, to ascertain the fact.

Mr. BRECK explained the report.—The Committee had, in the course of the consideration of the subject of their commission, found that it had been usual for the Lieut. Gov. to receive the appointment and emoluments of Captain of the Castle—that they supposed those emoluments would now be his half support, but that they did not know whether the office was vacant or not—if it was filled, then the Committee, who desired leave to sit again, would proceed to report some other means of support—if it was vacant, the Committee had thoughts of reporting that it be recommended to His Excellency to fill the vacancy by appointing the Lieutenant-Governor to that post—the Committee further considered, that there would be no impropriety in the inquiry, as by a former resolution of the Legislature, a Captain to that fortress had been declared necessary.

[The resolution alluded to being called for, the same was read according to—after which Gen. HEATH reported that the Committee—*their report*—and the article in the Constitution respecting the appointment of Officers of the Castle in the Governor, might be read—being done—]

The General gave it as his opinion, that the report on the table was wholly foreign to the commission of the Committee.

Mr. PARSONS said, the legislature had a right, at all times, to inquire into the state of its forts and garrisons.—That, therefore, he thought the report perfectly in order—and that he hoped it would be accepted.

Mr. BOWDISH said, it would not be contended that the legislature had not a right to inquire into the organization of its garrisons—and therefore he presumed the report was proper one. The Laws of the Commonwealth, he said, had declared, that it was necessary that a Captain should be appointed to command at the Castle—and that there was not one appointed, they had a right to enquire why the Laws were not executed.—He meant, he declared, no imputation of blame on the Supreme Executive—he only meant to vindicate the right of the Legislature—and say, that he presumed the report was entirely proper.

Major NELSON said, as the worthy gentleman from Dorchester had presumed one way—he had a right to presume another way—and he presumed the committee had no right to make such report.—Mr. BRECK said, he hoped the gentlemen would spare the Committee.—Major NELSON said, he meant to spare them—he was going to execute them, he supposed that the infinite had originated in their good will to have his Honour provided for—but as their commission went no farther than an inquiry what support was necessary for the Lieut. Gov. he could not conceive how they could report an enquiry into the conduct of the Supreme Executive. He admitted, he said, the right of the Legislature to inquire respecting its garrisons—and he should have voted in favour of the report, had it come from any one of the Committee individually—but as a Committee, it was contrary to their commission.

Mr. HENSHAW said, the Committee considered that the former Lt. Gov. had been supported by the emoluments of the castle, and that it had been supported by the people, that the present Lt. Gov. would have had the same support—that the Committee did not know whether the post was filled or not—if it was not, they intended to report a recommendation of both houses to have it filled—if His Excellency filled it with the Lt. Gov. then his support was provided for—if not, then they could give a reason to their constituents for voting him a support otherwise.

Mr. WIDSTADY said he had not yet heard anything that convinced him the report was proper—and though he would allow, that the Legislature had a right to inquire into the state of its garrisons, yet, that it was improper in the House to interfere with the Executive in recommending the appointment of the Lt. Gov. to the post of Captain of the Castle, he was convinced.

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said, the Legislature never would consider the Supreme Executive as too great to be injured of—or to have its conduct scrutinized. They had a right, he said, to make any inquiry for the good of their constituents that's proper. As one of the representatives of the people, as well as of the Committee, he thought the enquiry decent and civil—and such as the Commander in Chief could not think offensive, or at least if he did, he would have no cause for so thinking.

Dr. JARVIS said, the subject in debate was of a very delicate nature.—He had not yet, he said, heard any thing that convinced him it was proper—and he was afraid, that unless the greatest care was taken, it would create, what every friend to his country must wish to prevent—a division—a want of harmony between the two first Magistrates. Some of the Committee have been so candid as to say, that it was their intention to report, that it was recommended to the Governor to appoint the Lt. Gov. to the office of Capt. of the Castle, should the post be vacant.—The Dr. then went into a consideration of what the probable consequences of such a report might be—it might not, he said, disagreeable to His Excellency that the post should be filled at all—What then is the consequence?—The Legislature and the Executive get variance.—What follows?

He appeals to his constituents, and the Legislature to them—Gentlemen, he said, must be aware of the disagreeableness of such a situation. For his part, he said, he felt the highest veneration for the characters of both of the Magistrates.—He did not wish, he said that the Lieut. Gov. should be dependent on the Executive for his support.—The office of the Lieut. Gov. made him liable to expense, and to defray it, he was willing he should have a stipend from the publick. He hoped, however, that gentlemen would not hastily adopt a measure, that might involve consequences they may not intend, and which might be disagreeable to them.

Mr. PARSONS begged to know of the worthy gentleman from Williamsburg, whether he thought the report of arrangements just now read, was constitutional.

Mr. BOWDISH said he would answer the respectable gentleman from N. Port, by saying that undoubtedly it was constitutional, but that nevertheless the Governor, as Commander in Chief of all the forts, etc. was in fact Commander of Castle William.

Mr. PARSONS begged to inquire further, whether the Governor, by being Commander in Chief of the militia, was in fact Colonel of every regiment—or if it

should be found necessary to arm twenty vessels of war,

he must be Commander of the navy, Captain of each of them.

Mr. AMES continued the idea of the gentleman from Newbury Port, and said, that according to the plan of the gentleman from Williamsburg, the Commander in Chief must be omnipotent, if he is to be Colonel of every regiment, and Captain of every ship—but as the government cannot be in one place at the same time—he did not see, he said, to what purpose the gentleman's difficulty was raised. While I am up, said Mr. AMES, I will add, that the report of the Committee appears to me to be simple and proper.—The Committee wished to know, whether a certain post was vacant or not—and this information they conceived necessary to their making a proper report.—That they had a right to the information—and to request us to obtain it for them, is agreed to.—The report on the table goes no further—but the fruitful imaginations of some gentlemen have led them to anticipate a variety of disagreeable consequences, which are to flow from some things which the Committee, who made the report, may possibly introduce: But the proper time, Mr. Speaker, I have thought to consider a matter, is when that matter is before us—I have not, however, been sufficiently versed in the proceedings of the House, to know what is perfectly parliamentary—but I am at present of opinion, that the time to consider and debate what the Committee may bring in, will be when they do bring it in.

Mr. LYMAN wished to know whether the gentleman from Williamsburg meant that the Commander in Chief, by being Commander of the Castle, ought to receive the emoluments thereof.—Mr. BOWDISH said no.

Mr. LYMAN concluded by saying, that the emoluments and command ought to go together—and that in his opinion, the report on the table was civil and constitutional—and the question easily to be answered.

Gen. HEATH added a few words—and Mr. GOFF closed the debate, by a few observations on the propriety of the report—his respect for the Chief Magistrate, and wishing that the report might be accepted.

The question to accept the report was then put and carried—Yeas 82—Nays 62.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13.

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FRIDAY NOV. 14.

A message was received from the Gov. wherein after mentioning a Committee having waited on him, to inquire whether he had commissioned a Captain of the Castle—and informing the House that he had not his Excellency says,

"By the Constitution of the Commonwealth, 'the Governor for the time being is Commander in Chief of the

Army and Navy, and of all military forces of the State, sea and land,' in virtue of this I cannot but consider myself as the Commander of the Garrison or Castle-Island, let who may be appointed as Captain.

"When the place of Captain of that Fortress became vacant, I looked upon myself, without any particular arrangement or reward, the Superintendent of it. By this means there will be saved to the people of this Commonwealth a very considerable sum of money annually, which their Representatives may appropriate to such purpose as they may find to be the honour and interest of the government.

"I am sensible that the Legislature have made establishment for this office, but it does not follow from thence that the Commander in Chief should fill it—a contrary, when his JUDGMENT, under the particular circumstances of the country and garrison, in a time of peace, the office would be superannuated, and a very unnecessary expense be to the Governor at present the most distant idea of laying a burden upon the community, by charging them with an unusual sum, where no duty or service is annexed.

"I have directed the Commissary-General to prepare, as soon as possible, an account of the past expense of the military department, from the 26th of October, 1780, to the 26th of October, 1781, and shall lay it before you by my self, or I receive it, and am very apprehensive that the expenses thereon, will so far exceed what you as you suppose, that you will agree with me, that it ought to be diminished as much as it possibly can be done."

JOHN HANCOCK.

HIGH COURT for the TRIAL of IMPEACHMENTS.

FANEUIL-HALL, THURSDAY, NOV. 13.

THE Court being opened, the hon. Judge SOUTHWICK, in an able manner, and for near fix hours, set up the Sheriff's defense—and was followed by Mr. PARSONS, on the part of the Hon. House—who with much ardour, acknowledged impartiality, and great ability, closed this interesting and important cause.—The Court then adjourned to 3 o'clock on Friday—which time they met, but not being ready to give judgment, the trial was continued to Saturday.

SATURDAY, November 15.

At 11 o'clock the court proceeded from the Senate Chamber to Faneuil Hall: after service was commenced, and the Court opened in the usual form, WILLIAM GREENLEAF, Esq. was called—who appearing, answered the preceeding Judge then addressed the Court in the following words:

"May it please your Honours,

"YOUR Honours having heard the evidence in the case now before you, have agreed upon a question, which is to be put to your Honors severally, and in order; the question is this: Is William Greenleaf, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Worcester, guilty of misconduct and mal-administration in his office charged upon him by the impeachment of the House of Representatives, or not guilty? His Honour then said

Phineas Bishop, Esq.—What

says your Honour? Is William Greenleaf, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Worcester, guilty of misconduct and mal-administration in that office, charged upon him by the impeachment of the House of Representatives, or not guilty?

Dummer Sewall, Esq.—What says your Honour? Is William Greenleaf, Esq. guilty

or not guilty?

Isaac Stearns, Esq.—Do.

Holden Storer, Esq.—Do.

Elijah Dunbar, Esq.—Do.

Abraham White, Esq.—Do.

Ames Singletary, Esq.—Do.

Thomas Dawes, Esq.—Do.

Elijah Dwight, Esq.—Do.

David Sexton, Esq.—Do.

Joseph Thacher, Esq.—Do.

Stephen Matalc, Esq.—Do.

Tristram Dalton, Esq.—Do.

Matthew Goodwin, Esq.—Do.

Nathaniel Wells, Esq.—Do.

Joseph Hooper, Esq.—Do.

John Haltings, Esq.—Do.

Cotton Tufts, Esq.—Do.

Ebenezer Bridge, Esq.—Do.

Charles Turner, Esq.—Do.

Samuel Freeman, Esq.—Do.

Stephen Choate, Esq.—Do.

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