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A report from the Secretary of the Treasury on the remuneration of the merchants trading to the East Indies, was read. After which, on motion of Mr. Ames, who had some communication of a secret nature to make to the house, orders were given for clearing the galleries.

FRIDAY, Feb. 11.

An engrossed bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause the discharge of foreign officers to be paid and discharged, was read a third time and passed.

An engrossed bill to continue in force for a limited time an act passed the first session of Congress, entitled, an act regulating processes in the courts of the United States, was read the third time and passed.

A bill supplementary to an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States was read a second time, and referred to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

Several petitions praying compensation for military services, were read, and referred to the Secretary of War.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lear, his Secretary, notifying that he had this day approved and signed as act, entitled an act making appropriations for the support of government during the year 1791; and for other purposes.

Mr. Sedgwick, from the committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill making compensation to marshals, clerks and jurors in the courts of the United States, which was read a first and second time, and referred to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the House again resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Mr. Boutinot in the chair, to take into consideration the bill for establishing offices for the purpose of granting lands within the territory of the United States; after some time spent, the committee rose, and the chairman reported, that the committee had gone through the bill, and made sundry amendments, which, were read, and ordered it lie on the table until to-morrow.

An engrossed bill for altering the time for the next meeting of Congress, was read a third time and passed; the blank for the time of meeting being filled up with the first Monday of November next.

A memorial of sundry public creditors was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smith, (S. C.) the memorial of the makers of effects, in Charleston, was referred to a select committee.

After which the galleries were cleared.

SATURDAY, Feb. 12.

The House being engaged in other business, the gallery was, for some time, kept shut. After the opening of the doors, sundry petitions being read and referred to the heads of departments.

On motion of Mr. Boutinot, the committee on the navigation act was discharged from further proceeding. On motion of Mr. Frazee, the house took up to consider the report of the Secretary of State on the memorial of Andrew Brown, Printer, and passed thereon a resolution, which was ordered to be transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Sherman, from the committee appointed to consider the memorial of the holders of loan-office certificates, for money lent to the United States, between September, 1777 and 1778, made a report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Floyd, from the committee of enrolment, reported an engrossed bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States.

A report of the Secretary of the Treasury, on the position of John Collins, was read.

On motion of Mr. Gerry, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Boston, before presented by him, was referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Secretary Otis, informing that they had passed a bill, for the admission of the State of Vermont into the Union; and also a bill, regulating the number of Representatives, to be chosen by the states of Kentucky and Vermont.

The above mentioned bills were, after a first and second reading, referred to a committee of the whole on Monday next.

The House then, pursuant to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the committee of the whole, to the bill to establish offices, for the purpose of granting lands, within the territories of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, adjourned.

MONDAY, Feb. 13.

Sundry petitions were read, and referred to the Secretary of the Department of War.

On motion, Messrs. Madison, Wadsworth and Leonard, were appointed a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill, to explain so much of the act, imposing duties on imported articles, as imposes a duty on imported lead and calicoes.

The bill, transmitted from the Senate, for the admission of the state of Vermont into the union, was taken into consideration in committee of the whole, reported without amendment, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Sedgwick, a committee consisting of Messrs. Sedgwick, Benson and Strode, was appointed to prepare and bring in a bill or bills, to give effect to the laws of the United States, within the state of Vermont.

Mr. Lear delivered the following letter to the Prefect of the United States, accompanied with papers containing information, which he had received from the Court of London, relative to a conspiracy with the United States. The letter was to be paper ordered to lie on the table until to-

whole. Mr. Livemore moved that the committee be discharged from any further consideration of the amendments; his motion was seconded and agreed to.

The House then took up the consideration of the amendments, and having made progress, postponed the further consideration of them until tomorrow. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, Feb. 18.

Mr. Secretary Lear delivered the following message from the President of the United States.

UNITED STATES, Feb. 14, 1791.

Gentlemen of the Senate, and

House of Representatives,

SOON after I was called to the administration of the government, I found it important to come to an understanding with the Court of London, on several points relating to the United States, and particularly to know, whether they were disposed to enter into arrangements, by mutual consent, which might be for the commerce between the two nations on principles of reciprocal advantage. For this purpose, I authorized informal conferences with their ministers; and from these, did not infer any disposition on their part, to enter into any arrangement merely commercial. I have thought it proper to give you this information, as it might at some time have influence on matters under your consideration.

Mr. Secretary Otis delivered a message from the Senate, informing that they had passed, with amendments, the bill repealing after, the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid on distilled spirits imported from abroad, and also upon spirits distilled within the United States, and for appropriating the same; and requested the concurrence of the house in the said amendments.

A second message from the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Secretary Otis, informing the house, that the Senate had concurred with them in the bill, to continue in force, for a limited time, an act passed at the first session of Congress, entitled, an act to regulate civil justice in the courts of the United States.

The House then proceeded to further consideration of the amendments, proposed by the committee of the whole, to the bill to establish offices, for the purpose of granting lands, within the territories of the United States; and having gone through the same, further amendments adjourned.

TUESDAY, Feb. 15.

Sundry petitions were read and referred to the Secretary of the Department of War.

Several reports from the Secretary of the Department of War, on sundry petitions heretofore referred to him, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Simey, the report of the select committee on the memorial of Captain J. Barney, was taken up for a second reading; after which the committee, who made the report, were directed to prepare and bring in a bill to allow a compensation to the said Captain Barney.

The message, received yesterday from the President of the United States, on the subject of a commercial treaty with Great Britain, was referred to a select committee.

A message from the Senate, was delivered by Mr. Secretary Otis, informing, that they had concurred with the house in their resolution on the report of the Secretary of State, relative to the memorial of Andrew Brown, of the city of Philadelphia, printer.

The amendments, proposed by the Senate to the bill, repealing, after the last day of June next, the duties heretofore laid upon distilled spirits imported from abroad, and laying others in their stead; and also upon spirits distilled within the United States; and for appropriating the same, were read, and referred to a committee of the whole house tomorrow.

The house then, pursuant to the order of the day, resumed the consideration of the bill, to establish offices, for the purpose of granting lands within the territories of the United States; and having gone through the same directed to be engrossed. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 16.

Sundry petitions being read and referred to the heads of departments.

A letter was read, from the Secretary of the Department of War, accompanied with reports on a number of petitions heretofore referred to him.

A memorial from sundry dealers in East India goods, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fitzsimons, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported a bill, to compensate Capt. John Brown in confederation with their bond, and encashed with the Senate, in appointing a committee, and four o'clock, P. M. was allotted for coming to the choice of three members to join to said committee on the part of the House, by ballot.

An act, providing a new, plain and easy mode of altering charters, was read a third time, and passed.

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The House proceeded according to agreement, to the further consideration of the resolve of the Senate of yesterday, for appointing a committee, to agree a bill with the Hon. Nathaniel Gorham and Oliver Phelps, Esqrs. relative to their bond, and encashed with the Senate, in appointing a committee, and four o'clock, P. M. was allotted for coming to the choice of three members to join to said committee on the part of the House, by ballot.

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I have received from the Secretary of State a report on the proceedings of the governor of the north-western territory at Rakakia, Kahokia and Prairie, under the resolution of Congress of August 29th, 1783, which contains matter proper for your confirmation, by the same before you.

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