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So the question was lost.

On motion of Mr. Peters, seconded by Mr. Condict,

Resolved, That the consideration of the main question be postponed till Wednesday next.

SATURDAY, October 18, 1783.

The committee, consisting of Mr. Duane, Mr. S. Huntington and Mr. Holten, appointed to prepare a proclamation for a day of thanksgiving, reported a draft, which was agreed to as follows:

By the United States in Congress assembled.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas it hath pleased the Supreme Ruler of all human events, to dispose the hearts of the late belligerent powers to put a period to the effusion of human blood, by proclaiming a cessation of all hostilities by sea and land, and these United States are not only happily rescued from the dangers and calamities to which they have been so long exposed, but their freedom, sovereignty and independence ultimately acknowledged. And whereas in the progress of a contest on which the most essential rights of human nature depended, the interposition of Divine Providence in our favour hath been most abundantly and most graciously manifested, and the citizens of these United States have every reason for praise and gratitude to the God of their salvation. Impressed, therefore, with an exalted sense of the blessings by which we are surrounded, and of our entire dependence on that Almighty Being, from whose goodness and bounty they are derived, the United States in Congress assembled, do recommend it to the several States, to set apart the second Thursday in December next, as a day of public thanksgiving, that all the people may then assemble to celebrate with grateful hearts and united voices, the praises of their Supreme and all bountiful Benefactor, for his numberless favors and mercies. That he hath been pleased to conduct us in safety through all the perils and vicissitudes of the war; that he hath given us unanimity and resolution to adhere to our just rights; that he hath raised up a powerful ally to assist us in supporting them, and hath so far crowned our united efforts with success, that in the course of the present year, hostilities have ceased, and we are left in the undisputed possession of our liberty and independence, and of the fruits of our land, and in the free participation of the treasures of the sea; that he hath prospered the labour of our husbandmen with plentiful harvests; and above all, that he hath been pleased to continue to us the light of the blessed gospel, and secured to us in the fullest extent the rights of conscience in faith and worship. And while our hearts overflow with gratitude, and our lips set forth the praises of our great Creator, that we also offer up fervent supplications, that it may please him to pardon all our offences, to give wisdom and unanimity to our public councils, to cement all our citizens in the bonds of affection, and to inspire them with an earnest regard for the national honor and interest, to enable them to improve the days of prosperity by every good work, and to be lovers of peace and tranquillity; that he may be pleased to bless us in our husbandry, our commerce and navigation; to smile upon our seminaries and means of education, to cause pure religion and virtue to flourish, to give peace to all nations, and to fill the world with his glory.

Done by the United States in Congress assembled, witness his excellency ELIAS BOURBON, our president, this 18th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1783, and of the sovereignty and independence of the United States of America the eighth.

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. Bland, Mr. B. Huntington and Mr. Howell, to whom was referred a memorial from major Jackson,

Resolved, That the sum actually expended by Mr. Jackson, for defraying the necessary expenses of his journies to and from Paris and Amsterdam, on business committed to his charge by the hon. John Laurens, special minister to the court of France, and charged to the said Jackson, be passed to his credit.

Resolved, That 1455 dollars be allowed to Mr. Jackson, as a full compensation for his services while acting as secretary to the hon. John Laurens, on his mission to the court of France, his pay and emoluments in the army to cease during that period.

On the report of a committee, consisting of Mr. Ellery, Mr. Madison and Mr. Duane, to whom was referred a letter of the 7th, from major-general Greene:

Resolved, That two pieces of the field ordnance taken from the British army at the Cowpens, Augusta, or Eutaw, be presented by the commander in chief of the armies of the United States, to major-general Greene, as a public testimonial of the wisdom, fortitude and military skill which distinguished his command in the southern department, and of the eminent services which amidst