

thington, of Baltimore county, who had been enlisted by col. Smith's directions, and his answer thereto; which were read, and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

On a second reading, by an especial order, of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, it was moved that the following clause be struck out: "And be it enacted, That every idle person who is able bodied, and hath no fixed habitation nor family, nor any visible method of getting an honest livelihood, and who may be adjudged by the lieutenant of the county, or any field officer, to come properly under the above description of a vagrant, shall from and after such adjudication be considered as a soldier enlisted, and have it in his choice whether he will serve for nine months, or for three years, or during the war; and all constables and recruiting sergeants are hereby empowered and required to take up such idle vagrants and carry them before the lieutenant of the county, or any field officer, and shall be allowed twenty dollars for every able bodied person so taken up and adjudged a vagrant." And the question, being put, was carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

George Plater, Robert Goldsborough, Charles Carroll, barrister, Thomas Stone, Turbutt Wright, and Charles Grahame, Esqrs.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president, Matthew Tilghman, Samuel Wilson, Brice T. B. Worthington, and William Hindman, Esqrs.

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

S A T U R D A Y, April 4, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The senate proceeded in the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

The governor's letter, and the letters therein enclosed, communicated to the senate on yesterday evening, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Grahame, Esq;

The petition of fundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, setting forth, That from the difficulty and badness of the roads to Leonard-Town warehouse, the carriage of their tobacco is very inconvenient and troublesome, and therefore praying that a warehouse belonging to Joseph Fenwick, and conveniently situated in their neighbourhood, may be established as a public warehouse, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by William Hindman, Esq;

Mr. Sprigg and Mr. J. Barnes, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 4, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to apply to congress for such number of effective arms and accoutrements as they can conveniently spare, for the use of this state, not exceeding ten thousand stand, and ten field pieces, provided such arms, accoutrements and field-pieces can be procured on such terms as the governor and the council shall think reasonable, and this state will be answerable for the same.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Kent, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act, empowering Robert Richardson and Thomas Kemp to sell and dispose of the real estate of Philip Wetherell, deceased, and to apply the money arising therefrom to special purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 3, 1778: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The senate adjourns till three o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

Mr. Lethbury and Mr. Chase, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 3, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del"

"By the house of delegates, April 4, 1778: Read the second time by an especial order, and will pass."

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

A letter