

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778.

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Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to direct the recording of a deed to John Raifin, thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 23, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.
"By the senate, March 26, 1778: Read the second time and will pass with the enclosed amendment. R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Amendment enclosed. At the end of the bill, insert the following proviso: "Provided always, That this act shall not be construed to prejudice or defeat the title of any person claiming the land mentioned in the said deed, or any part thereof, by or under any purchase *bonâ fide* made from the said Thomas Bateshell, or from the said Thomas Bateshell and Sarah his wife, since the acknowledgment of the deed aforesaid.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.
The amendment was agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The house taking into consideration the report brought in yesterday by the committee to whom the several letters and acts of congress, &c. were referred, and the question being put on the following article thereof, "That every idle person, who is able bodied, and has no fixed habitation nor family, nor any visible method of getting a livelihood, ought to go as a soldier, and have it in his choice whether he will be enlisted for nine months, or three years, or during the war; and if such person enlist only for nine months, then to have no pecuniary bounty; if he will enlist for three years, or during the war, then to have the full bounty?" It passed in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs R. Barnes, Plowden, Lethrbury, Maxwell, Gresham, J. Hall, Worthington,	Tillard, Chew, Turner, M'Pherson, Maddux, Strawbridge,	Winder, L. Wilson, Smoot, Murray, Ward, Alexander,	Hyland, West, Contee, Brice, Quynn, Gibson,	Goldsbrough, Kent, Earle, Mitchell, Edelen, Sheredine,	A. Hall, Smith, Chase, Sprigg, J. Barnes, Crabb.
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N E G A T I V E.

Mess. Hammond, Deye,	Stevenson, H. Wilson,	Smithson,	Schnebely,	Burgess,	Bayly.
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Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue an act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council: ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Winder, and Mr. Sprigg, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Lethrbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Lethrbury and Mr. Smith.

The letter from colonel George Dashiell, and the several depositions therein enclosed, were read and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resuming the consideration of the report on the letters and acts of congress, &c. came to the following resolutions thereon: That two thousand nine hundred and two men be raised, including the two artillery companies already marched to camp, and such volunteers as have been already obtained by recruiting; that the same be apportioned on the several counties, according to the number of their militia, allowing for the men already found by recruiting. That to prevent as far as possible the necessity of draughting, the recruiting service be continued with vigour, and that every two persons of the militia, who shall provide a good able bodied recruit on or before the 20th day of May next, to serve in the continental army for the space of three years, or during the war, be exempt from being draughted, and from all military duty out of the state, during three years; and that every militia-man, who shall procure an able bodied recruit, on or before the said 20th day of May next, to serve in the continental army for three years, or during the war, shall be exempt from all military duty for the said term of three years; and the person so procured shall receive the continental bounty, and the bounty given by the late act of assembly, over and above what may be given him by the persons who procure him; but if the person be procured to serve only for nine months, then to receive no pecuniary bounty other than what he can agree for with the persons who furnish him; and the persons finding such able bodied soldier to be exempt from the present draught, and from all military duty out of the state during nine months. That every militia-man, who takes up a deserter from the continental army on or before the twentieth day of May next, and delivers him to the lieutenant of the county, shall be exempt from being draughted for the present year; if two deserters, then to be exempt from such draught