

A bill, entitled, An act for the erecting barracks; a bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers; a bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of Frederick county court; and a bill, entitled, An act concerning marriages, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, being read, was referred to to-morrow.

Adjourned till next day 10 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 9, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. The same members present as on yesterday, except Charles Carroll, barrister, Esquire. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Smoot from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolves:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to give orders, that all stock (horses, hogs, working oxen, and milch cows necessary for the use of the inhabitants, only excepted) be immediately removed from the islands of this state, into the interior parts of their respective counties, in which they now are, so that there may be no danger of its falling into the enemies hands; and to appoint proper persons to take care of such stock, and to rent proper places for their reception, and to cause the same to be appraised by indifferent persons; and this state will make satisfaction to the owners for the loss sustained by such removal.

RESOLVED, That the governor, with the advice of the council, be empowered to appoint proper and discreet persons in each of the counties of this state, lying on the shores of Chesapeake bay, the Sound, and the mouths of rivers, who shall have power, on the approach of the enemy, and a reasonable belief of their intention to land, to cause all stock, with the same exception, to be immediately removed from the shores of Chesapeake bay, the Sound, and the mouths of rivers, in the manner aforesaid, and such persons shall hire places for their reception, and appoint proper persons to appraise and take care of such stock; and this state will make satisfaction to the owners for the loss sustained by such removal.

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

By order,

This resolve was read and concurred with, with the following amendments:

After the word "state" in the ninth line of the first page, add the words "below Hooper's Streights." Strike out the words "have power" in the third line of the second page, and insert the words "upon advice and direction from the governor and council or." Between the words "from" and "the" in the sixth line of the second page, insert the following, "all the islands above Hooper's Streights and from." Strike out the word "to" next preceding the word "cause."

Sent to the house of delegates by Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esquire.

Messieurs Wootton and Downes from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines and forfeited recognizances, endorsed as follows; "By the house of delegates, April 8, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, April 9, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass."

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism, was read a second time, and will pass with the following amendments:

Strike out from the word "successors" in the 10th line of the 3d page, to the word "and" in the 14th line of the same page. Strike out the 5th page, and to the word "and" in the 2d line of the 6th page, and insert the following clause: "Be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall unlawfully obstruct or hinder, by threats or force, any commissioned or non-commissioned officer from enlisting soldiers or seamen in the service of this or the United States, such person, on conviction in the general court, shall be fined in the discretion of the same court, in a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds current money."

Between the words "shall" and "receive" in the 6th line of the 6th page, insert the word "knowingly." Strike out all between the word "state" in the 9th line of the same page, and the word "and" in the 11th line of the same page.

Strike out all between the word "clergy" in the 9th line of the 8th page, and the word "and" in the 8th line of the 13th page, and insert the following: "And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any judge or justice, upon his own knowledge, or proof made by one or more credible witnesses, to issue his warrant to apprehend any person who by word or deed shall prove himself disaffected and dangerous to this state; and the same judge or justice, or any other justice of the county before whom such person may be carried, shall have full power and authority, upon examination, to order such person to give good and sufficient security, in a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds current money, for the appearance of such disaffected and