

strike out the words "name of the person" and insert the words "names of the persons." Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

Messieurs Hammond and Banning from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the recovery of fines on non-enrollers, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 19, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

"By the house of delegates, June 21, 1777: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

George Plater, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of St. Mary's county court; which was read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the recovery of fines on non-enrollers, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Brice and Smoot from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to sell or lease certain lands, and to enlarge and ascertain the jurisdiction of the mayor's court of the said city, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 23, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

"By the house of delegates, June 24, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Jordan and Ford from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of St. Mary's county court, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 24, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Which bill was here read and passed for engrossing.

Messieurs Galloway and Kent from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, with the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 24, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have considered the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, sent us this day by Thomas Stone, Esq; and have agreed to extend the time to the 15th of August, but cannot consent to your other amendments, because we apprehend they will be of dangerous consequence, by extending the exemption to double the number of militia that would be entitled to that exemption by our bill.

We are desirous of filling up our quota of troops in the continental army, and therefore gave an exemption from militia and military duty to one person who should find a recruit, limiting the bounty to thirty dollars, a sum so small that it cannot be grievous: Should this exemption be extended to two militia men, and by that means several thousand of the inhabitants of this state, who are well able to do duty, be excused from all the burthens that others would be subject to, we apprehend a general clamour would be raised, and the common people thereby rendered more averse to attend musters and expose themselves to every hazard, than they now are; we have therefore returned the bill, in hopes your honours will recede from that amendment.

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

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

#### W E D N E S D A Y, June 25, 1777.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The memorial of Elie Vallette, to the honourable the general assembly of the state of Maryland, was read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates. Sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

Messieurs J. Bond and Archer from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court house and prison in Harford county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 25, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass."

"By order, G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del"

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; appeared in the senate.

Messieurs