

"cent." in the seventh page, and insert the following words: "Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that several persons from some of the neighbouring states, have engrossed very large quantities of iron, sugar, cotton, salt, and melasses, Be it enacted, that none of the said articles shall be carried out of this state, and that the purchaser thereof shall sell the same by retail within this state to the inhabitants thereof, if required, at not more than the rate of ten per cent. profit on the purchase money; and if any of the said purchasers, their agents, factors, storekeepers or trustees, in whose possession any of the said articles may be, shall refuse to sell the said articles, or any of them, at the rate aforesaid, to any of the inhabitants of this state as aforesaid, he or they so refusing, shall for every offence forfeit the sum of five pounds current money, one half thereof to the informer and the other half to the use of this state, and shall also forfeit to the uses aforesaid, the goods so as aforesaid refused to be sold."

In the fifth line of the eighth page, after the word "whereas," strike out all that follows to the end of the ninth line of the ninth page, and insert the following words: "It is represented to this general assembly, that divers persons, inhabitants of this state, have engrossed large quantities of salt, rum, sugar, melasses, coffee, and iron, with intent to sell the same again at high and exorbitant prices, by means whereof the inhabitants are greatly oppressed; and whereas also several persons of this state may have purchased and laid up, for the use of their families, more salt than is sufficient to serve their families for one year from this time, Be it enacted, that all and every of the persons who have so engrossed the said articles as aforesaid, shall sell the same by retail to the inhabitants of this state, at not more than the rate of ten per centum profit on the purchase money, reserving so much of the said articles as may be necessary for himself and family for one year, and not selling more of the overplus of the article of salt to any person, than shall be sufficient for the use of his family for one year, allowing one peck to each individual of such family; and if any of the said persons who have engrossed any of the said articles as aforesaid, shall refuse to sell the same at the rate aforesaid, and in manner aforesaid, he shall for every offence forfeit the sum of five pounds current money, and the goods so refused to be sold, one half thereof to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of this state:

"And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons in this state hath or have purchased or laid up, for the use of his or their family or families, more salt than shall be sufficient for his or their family or families for one year from this time, such person or persons shall sell the overplus to the inhabitants of this state by retail, at the same rate, and in the same manner and proportion, as the persons who have engrossed salt as above mentioned are directed to sell the same; and if any person shall refuse to sell the overplus of his salt, at the rate and manner aforesaid, he shall forfeit for every offence the sum of five pounds current money, and the overplus of his salt so refused to be sold, one half to the informer, and the other half to the use of this state."

In the fourth line of the tenth page, after the word "person," insert the words "to whom no money has been or shall be advanced by the public."

Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for enlarging the powers of the governor and the council, was read the second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

Messieurs Hall and Semmes from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to remove the records of the prerogative office, 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."

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

T H U R S D A Y, June 26, 1777.

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

The message from the house of delegates, with the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, being read the second time, the senate receded from the amendments disagreed to, and the bill with the following message was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, June 26, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have receded from the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, which you disagreed to, not because we think the bill, in its present form, will most probably produce the end designed by it, but because you will not agree to adopt the amendments, which, we are of opinion, would be more successful.

That the sum to be given for recruits is in the power of most people, we readily admit, and from thence conclude, there will be no scarcity of persons desirous of the exemption, for the sum limited, but we conceive you lessen a very strong inducement to men who might enlist to serve