

serve their friends, connexions or near relations, a motive which will operate in proportion to the number to be served.

In times like the present, clamour is easily excited, but we cannot suppose a regulation equal to all, and grievous to none, could be so grossly misunderstood, as to produce general uneasiness. Upon what principle the common people, in particular, could take offence at the alteration proposed by us, we are at a loss to conjecture, especially, as if adopted, it will afford an opportunity to a greater number of them to be exempted from militia and military duty; (to which you hint they are at present averse) than is done by the bill; and we conceive, this class of people, from the limitation of the sum to be given, and their particular connexions; will be more likely to obtain recruits than others.

A speedy reinforcement to the American army, will, in our judgment, be the most effectual measure to relieve the people of this state from the burthensome part of militia and military duty; and we are exceedingly sorry, that the expedient which appears to us most likely to produce this very desirable end, cannot be tried.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The bill, entitled, an act to remove the records of the prerogative office, was read the second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

Messieurs Hall and Wootton from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 24, 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 26, 1777: Read the second time and will pass.

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

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

The bill, entitled, An act for the better security of the government, was read the second time, and the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president.

Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, B. T. B. Worthington, William Hindman, } Esqrs.  
Robert Goldborough, Samuel Wilson, Charles Grahame,

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

George Plater, Joseph Nicholson, Esqrs.

Sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Harrison and Douglass from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act to promote the recruiting service, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 26, 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 the first and second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by B. T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Messieurs Ewing and Brice from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following engrossed bills, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, with the paper bills thereof; which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, June 25, 1777: Read and assented to.

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

George Plater, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the engrossed bill, No. 6, which was read and assented to. Sent, with the paper bill thereof, to the house of delegates by Samuel Wilson, Esq;

Messieurs Bruff and Ridgely from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, with the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 26, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have agreed to all the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, except the two clauses relative to persons from the neighbouring states, and our inhabitants, engrossing the articles enumerated in the bill. We will agree to accept your clauses, with the insertion of the article run in the first clause, and an addition of a clause to prevent a removal of any of the articles from this state, and in case of such an attempt, to make them liable to seizure and forfeiture, for the benefit of the informer and the state.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.  
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