

A letter from general Smallwood to the governor, requesting that col. Hollingsworth might be furnished with two companies of militia, to escort the public stores from the lower parts of the eastern shore to places of safety in the interior parts of the country, was communicated to the senate, and sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

The senate adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock. /

M O N D A Y, April 6, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on Saturday. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Samuel Wilson, Esq; has leave of absence.

The resolve of the house of delegates of Saturday last, empowering the governor and council to apply to congress for a quantity of fire-arms, was read a second time, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act, empowering Robert Richardson and Thomas Kemp to sell and dispose of the real estate of Philip Wetherell, deceased, and to apply the money arising therefrom to special purposes therein mentioned, was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The senate proceeded in the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

Thomas Contee and Thomas Jenings, Esqrs. appeared in the senate.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met,

And resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

Mr. President communicates to the senate a letter from the governor, requesting the advice of the general assembly, relative to the disaffected in Somerset and Worcester counties, and submitting to the consideration of the legislature, whether it would not be advisable to proclaim martial law in those counties; which was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

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

T U E S D A Y, April 7, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Samuel Wilson, Esq; The proceedings of yesterday were read. Robert Goldsborough and Charles Grahame, Esqrs. have leave of absence.

The bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, was read a second time, and passed, with the following amendments:

Amendments proposed. Strike out the preamble of the bill and insert the following: "Whereas it has been represented by congress as absolutely necessary to use the most vigorous exertions to bring a powerful army into the field the ensuing campaign, and it appearing to this assembly to be the indispensable duty of this state to adopt the most effectual means to attain that end: And whereas the encouragements heretofore given by this state have been found ineffectual to raise the necessary number of men by voluntary enlistments."

In the fifth line of the first page, strike out from the word "that" to the word "state" in the following line.

In the 8th line of the 2d page, after the word "until," strike out to the word "enlisted" in the 9th line, and insert, "the said number of two thousand seven hundred and forty-two men are."

After the word "war," in the same line, strike out to the end of the line.

At the bottom of the 2d page insert the following proviso: "Provided always, and it is the true intent and meaning of this act, That no two persons of the higher or more substantial part or order of the militia shall join in procuring a recruit, but that the benefit of exemption therefrom arising may be shared as equally as may be, one at least of the persons so procuring a recruit shall be a man of the lower part or order of the militia, having a family."

In the 1st line of the 3d page, after the word "person," insert "above twenty-one years of age."

In the 3d line of same page, strike out "or" and insert "with," and between the words "officer" and "to" insert "or in case of the absence of the lieutenant by sickness or other cause, by any two field officers of the county, upon such person being brought before them, as hereafter mentioned."

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