

A letter from Normand Bruce, Esq; one of the commissioners appointed to attend at Fredricksburg, in Virginia, agreeable to the recommendation of congress, was read, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

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

## T H U R S D A Y, April 9, 1778.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Murray and Dr. Thomas, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 9, 1778.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor and the council be empowered and requested, during this session of assembly, to appoint and commission militia officers for Cæcil, Harford and Caroline counties, or any other county, where it may be judged necessary.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read, assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq;

Mr. Veazey and Mr. Bayly, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

WE have gone through the several amendments, proposed by your honours to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, and have agreed to many of them; there are others that we do not agree to, and as we sincerely wish that the passage of so necessary a bill may be brought about speedily, we propose a conference with some members of your house on the subject of those amendments which have been rejected by the house of delegates, and if your honours agree thereto, request you would name conferees to join such members of this house as may be appointed for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till three o'clock.

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

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, was read a second time, passed with the following amendments: Strike out from the word "any," in the first line of the third page, to the word "be," in the third line, and insert "plea to a declaration in such actions, except the general issue, unless the same." In the first line of the 4th page, strike out from the word "chattels" to the end of the clause, and sent, with the amendments, to the house of delegates by Turbutt Wright, Esq;

The following message, in answer to the message by Mr. Veazey and Mr. Bayly, of the house of delegates, was sent by Thomas Stone, Esq;

By the SENATE, April 9, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE request that you will point out the amendments made by this house, to which you do not agree, and which you propose to make the subject matter of a conference; we shall then most readily agree to confer with you, in order as speedily as possible to bring about the passage of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Bruff, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by Thomas Stone, Esq; we do not agree to the following amendments proposed by your house to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, viz. To the latter part of your preamble, beginning at the words "And whereas," to the end. To the proviso proposed to be added at the bottom of the second page. To the age of vagrants, nor the manner of their adjudication, in page 3. To the manner of constituting courts-martial for excusing persons under peculiar circumstances, in page 6, nor to striking out the words immediately following, viz. "from actual service or imprisonment." To the clause relating to draughts and substitutes, intended to be added at the end of page 6, beginning at the words,