

store at Annapolis, the blankets collected in their respective hundreds, to be delivered out on the order of the governor and council, for the public use; and if any such house-keeper shall refuse to render such account of blankets, upon oath, or affirmation as aforesaid, or shall refuse to deliver such proportion of the overplus as aforesaid, such house-keeper shall forfeit the sum of twenty pounds current money, to be recovered in the county court of the county where such house-keeper resides, for the use of the state, by indictment or action of debt; and the said collector to whom such refusal shall be made, is hereby required to give information of such refusal to the grand jury of the succeeding court.

“And, whereas the inhabitants of several parts of this state, have on former occasions supplied blankets to the regular troops or militia, Be it therefore enacted, that no blanket shall be required of any house-keeper who shall make it appear to the satisfaction of any collector, that he or she hath heretofore supplied any number of blankets for the use of any regular troops or militia, equal, in the opinion of such collector, to what such house-keeper might be required to supply in virtue of this act, but if not equal, then a deduction shall be made of the number heretofore supplied, out of the number which such house-keeper might otherwise be obliged to deliver.

“And be it enacted, that the collectors shall receive five per cent. on the value of the blankets by them respectively collected, and shall be allowed their reasonable charges for conveying them to the public store in the city of Annapolis.

“And be it enacted, that every person appointed collector as aforesaid, shall, before he enters on the execution of his said office, take the following oath, before some justice of the peace, viz. I, A. B. do swear, that I will impartially, faithfully and diligently, discharge the several duties of collector, according to an act entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service.

“And be it further enacted, that no debtor shall be discharged from the civil process of his creditor, nor servant from the service of his master, who shall enlist into the service after the last day of November next, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.”

Which amendments were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

S A T U R D A Y, March 22, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. J. Sprigg. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Dickinson has leave of absence till Saturday next. The petition from a number of inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the exorbitant and extraordinary charges of the magistrates, clerk and sheriff of said county, which was referred by the late convention to the general assembly, was read and referred to the consideration of the committee of grievances.

The resolve from the senate for dissolving the council of safety, and vesting the governor and council with their powers, was read a second time and assented to; so endorsed and sent to the senate by Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Deye.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to direct the forms of the commissions to the judges and justices, and civil officers of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the governor, the chancellor, judges, justices, and all civil officers of this state. ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, and Mr. J. T. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from William Jacob of Baltimore county, thus endorsed; “By the senate, March 22, 1777: “Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

“By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.”

Which was read and referred to the committee of manufactures.

On a second reading the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to promote the recruiting service, the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth amendments were agreed to, and the question put, That the governor, with the advice of the council, have the appointment of persons to collect blankets in every hundred of this state? Carried in the negative.

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

Messrs: Lethbrury,
Galloway,
Ennalls,

Henry,
S. Chase,

Brice,
Bruff,

Wright,
Sheredine,

Downes,
Dickinson,

Smith,
J. T. Chase.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs
Ford,
Perkins,
Maxwell,
Tillard,
Hammond,
Hall,

Parran,
Somervill,
Deye,
Ridgely,
Stevenson,
R. Bond,

Veazy,
Ewing,
Bowie,
Crauford,
O. Sprigg,
Magruder.

Gibson,
Benson,
Kent,
Bordley,
Chaille,

Mitchell,
Edelen,
J. Bond,
T. Bond,
Archer,

Smithson,
Douglass,
Mason,
Schnebely,
Williams.