

Strike out the word "knowingly" in the third line of the third page, and in the fifth line of same page, between the words "them" and "from," insert the following, "knowing them to be such." In the beginning of the ninth line of same page, strike out the word "and."

In the fifth line from the bottom of the third page, strike out the word "thereof," and insert the following, "of the said penalties;" and in the subsequent line, strike out the words "of the said penalty," and insert "thereof."

In the first line of the fourth page, strike out the word "either;" and in the second line of same page, strike out from the word "months" to the end of the clause, and insert the following, "and if any such offender shall be a second time guilty of the like offence, and be convicted thereof as aforesaid, and shall not pay the penalty aforesaid, or have goods and chattels, on which the said penalty may be levied by distress as aforesaid, such offender may be adjudged by the said justices before whom he shall be convicted, to receive a number of lashes not exceeding thirty-nine."

In the fourth page, strike out from the word "and," in the beginning of the fifth line, to the word "such" in the eighth line of same page, and insert the following: "And be it enacted, That upon information on oath or affirmation before a justice of peace, by any person entitled to take such oath or affirmation, that such person has good cause to suspect that a deserter is harboured or concealed in any dwelling house or other house, it shall be lawful for such justice to issue his warrant to have such house searched, and for that purpose to break open such house on neglect or refusal to open the door or doors thereof, when demanded; and if any person shall presume to break open any house, on pretence of searching for deserters, without such warrant obtained as aforesaid." After the word "chattels," in the ninth line of same page, insert the following, "or be subject to an action of trespass, at the election of the party who shall be so injured and grieved." In the eleventh line of same page, strike out from the word "to" to the word "him" in the thirteenth line, and instead thereof insert the following, "to any place within his hundred, in which he shall be informed, or may suspect a deserter or deserters may be harboured, or concealed, or dwelling, and shall apprehend all and every such suspected person, or persons, and carry him, or them." In the sixth line of same clause, insert the words "or persons," between the word "person" and the word "as."

Which was read here, the amendments agreed to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, March 24, 1777.

Gentlemen,

PRESUMING it would be agreeable to the governor to have the mode of intercourse between him and the general assembly established in the manner most agreeable to both houses of assembly, we propose that a committee from each house consider and report their opinion of what might be a proper mode.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read and agreed to.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate in answer thereto.

ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, and Mr. Henry, be a committee for the purpose mentioned in the said message.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Read and Mr. Archer.

By the H O U S E of D E L E G A T E S, March 24, 1777.

May it please your honours,

WE agree to your proposal, that a committee be appointed from each house to consider and report their opinion of a proper mode of intercourse between the governor and the general assembly, and have appointed Mr. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, and Mr. Henry, for that purpose.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, March 24, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have agreed to the amendment proposed by your house, directing, that "on the act of limitation being pleaded, this act, and the special matter, may be given in evidence on the general replication."

As a difference of opinion still subsists between the two houses respecting the appointment of collectors of blankets, and the powers to be entrusted with them, we propose a conference between some members of each house, as the most expeditious way of producing a conformity of sentiment in this matter, and the most effectual to procure a sufficient and speedy supply of blankets.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Which was read and concurred with.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate in answer thereto.