

“ By the senate, April 9, 1777 : Read the second time and will pass with the amendments herewith sent. By order, R. POITS, cl. sen.”

Amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes, &c. Strike out from the word “ successors” in the 10th line of the 3d page, to the word “ and” in the 14th line of the same page.

Strike out the 5th page, and to the word “ and” in the 2d line of the 6th page, and insert the following clause: “ Be it enacted, That if any subject or inhabitant of this state shall unlawfully obstruct or hinder, by threats or force, any commissioned or non-commissioned officer from enlisting soldiers or seamen in the service of this or the United States, such person, on conviction in the general court, shall be fined at the discretion of the same court in a sum not exceeding five hundred pounds current money.”

Between the words “ shall” and “ receive” in the 6th line of the 6th page, insert the word “ knowingly.”

Strike out all between the word “ state” in the 9th line of the same page and the word “ and” in the 11th line of the same page.

Strike out all between the word “ clergy” in the 6th line of the 8th page, and the word “ and” in the 8th line of the 13th page, and insert the following: “ And be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any judge or justice, upon his own knowledge or proof made by one or more credible witnesses, to issue his warrant to apprehend any person who by word or deed shall prove himself disaffected and dangerous to this state; and the same judge or justice, or any other justice of the county before whom such person may be carried, shall have full power and authority, upon examination, to order such person to give good and sufficient security, in a sum not exceeding ten thousand pounds current money, for the appearance of such disaffected and dangerous person at the next general court or county court, as the said judge or justice may in his discretion think proper, and in the mean time to be of good behaviour; and the court to which such recognizance is returned may in their discretion continue such recognizance. And if any constable shall refuse or neglect to execute such warrant from any judge or justice, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred pounds current money, one moiety thereof to the informer, and the other to the use of this state, and where no informer, the whole to the use of this state.

“ And be it enacted, That in case this state shall be invaded by the enemy, the governor for the time being, with the advice of the council, shall have full power and authority to arrest, or order to be arrested, all persons whose going at large the governor and council shall have good grounds to believe may be dangerous to the safety of this state, and the same persons to confine during such invasion to such places as the governor and council shall think proper, or to limit such persons to particular districts in this state, or in their discretion to discharge such persons on security; and that during any invasion of this state by the enemy, the *habeas corpus* act shall be suspended, as to all such persons arrested by the order of the governor and council.”

In the 8th line of the 13th page, strike out the word “ no,” and insert the words “ if any.”

After the word “ travel” in the same line and page, insert the word “ into.”

In the 9th line of same page, between the words “ by” and “ the,” insert the words “ some member of congress or by.”

And in the 10th line of the same page, strike out the words “ or member of some committee of observation.”

And in the 11th line of same page, strike out the words “ or he,” and insert “ such person.”

In the 12th line of same page, strike out the words “ or member of a committee.”

After the word “ law” in the 15th line of the same page, strike out all the remaining part of the clause, and insert the following: “ and if not an offender or dangerous as aforesaid, the said judge or justice may discharge him and give him a pass.”

Strike out all between the word “ pass” in the 4th line of the 14th page, and the word “ and” in the 8th line of the 16th page, and insert the following: “ Whereas several persons, late inhabitants of this state, have since the 14th day of August, 1775, deserted the defence of this country in the present just and necessary war; Be it enacted, That no person whatsoever, who hath deserted as aforesaid, nor any person who since the said time hath left this state, without leave, shall at any time hereafter, unless he returns to this state during the present war, and subscribes the association within ten days after his return, be capable of holding any office of trust or profit within this state; nor shall any person now a resident of this state, who hath refused or neglected to subscribe the association, and shall not subscribe the same on or before the first day of August next, be capable of holding any office as aforesaid. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall extend to such persons, who from religious principles have not subscribed or shall not subscribe the association.”

In the 4th line from the bottom of the 16th page, strike out the word “ April,” and insert “ May.”

Strike out the first clause in the 17th page, and insert the following: “ And be it enacted, That every attorney, before he shall be admitted to practice within any of the courts within this state,