

Amendment proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers.

In the 8th and 9th lines of the 2d page, strike out the words "who refused or neglected to subscribe the association on or before the eleventh day of April last," and insert the following: "Who shall not have subscribed the association at the time of such billeting, or who shall hereafter be adjudged enemies or disaffected persons by any legal authority of this state."

By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen.

Which amendment was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Maddox from the committee appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire what laws will expire this session.

YOUR committee report, That they have examined the acts of assembly, and find that the following will expire this session.

An act to prevent the exportation of flour, not merchantable, from George-Town in Frederick county. An act to establish a market at the market house at Chester-Town in Kent county, and for the regulation of the said market. An act for the preservation of the breed of fish. An act to oblige infected ships, and other vessels coming into this province, to perform quarantine. An act for amending and repairing the public roads in Baltimore county. An act to regulate the criminal business of Baltimore county. An act to establish a market in Baltimore-Town in Baltimore county, and to regulate the said market. An act for abolishing June county courts. An act for the support of an organist in King and Queen Parish in Saint Mary's county. An act for the suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court house and prison in Harford county. An act for the regulating the gauging of casks in the town of Baltimore. An act to prevent the erecting of booths and sale of liquors on holy days. An act for the relief of insolvent debtors.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order of com. NICHOLAS HARWOOD, cl.

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

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of Frederick county court, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 8, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 10, 1777: Read a second time and will pass.

"By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

Mr Galloway brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 10, 1777.

May it please your honours,

THIS house have taken into consideration the several amendments proposed by your honours to the bill, entitled, "An act to punish certain crimes and misdemeanors, and to prevent the growth of toryism." We cannot agree to strike out of the bill the punishment intended for those who shall persuade or entice our people to return to, or acknowledge a dependence on, Great-Britain. We view this offence as a great misdemeanor, and of a very evil tendency. We have bid adieu for ever to any allegiance to the monarch of Britain, and we have renounced for ever our former political connection with that nation. Not only a just and virtuous indignation for her rapine and cruelty, but our interest, our safety, and the soundest policy, dictate this resolution. Nothing but the last extremity and most dire necessity can alter our sentiments. To return to any dependence on Britain, is to submit to certain and abject slavery; the man that advises it is weak, timid, or wicked, and an enemy to us and our posterity. From these considerations we hope your honours assent to the bill in this particular.

For similar reasons we reject your proposition to leave out the punishment proposed by the bill on those who shall dissuade, discourage, or terrify any of our people from supporting our independency, or who shall support the measures of parliament against the United States.

Money has always been esteemed the sinews of war. To depreciate our bills of credit, the only substitute and representation of money, and on the credit of which depend our means of supporting the war, we esteem an high and dangerous offence. The man that attempts to destroy its credit, cannot but be inimical to our present glorious struggle, and, in our opinion, merits the notice of the legislature. We cannot therefore accede to your proposition of leaving this offence out of the bill, tho' we would consent to correct that part of the bill which relates to depreciating the currencies of our sister states.

The recruiting service demands our every encouragement. On its success depends the liberty of America. The sword alone can decide the contest. We are not apprehensive that our internal enemies will by *threats* or *force* obstruct the raising the new levies. Few instances may be expected of the former, and not so many of the latter. Our disaffected and tories are more artful