

N E G A T I V E.

McClintock's
Perkins,
Hammond,
Fitzhugh,
Allein,

Harrison,
Winder,
Ennalls,
Henry,

Deye,
Ridgely,
Stevenson,
R. Bond,

Ewing,
Bruff,
Chaille,

J. Bond,
T. Bond,
Smithson,

J. Spigg,
Williams,
Burgess.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Brice and Mr. Smoot. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

On a second reading the report of the committee on the representation of the magistrates of Frederick county, and the petition of George French, late sheriff of said county, leave given to bring in a bill to direct the magistrates of Frederick county to ascertain the number of taxables in Washington and Montgomery counties, and to enable the sheriffs of those counties to collect their proportion of the public levy, as settled by the magistrates of Frederick county. ORDERED, That Mr. P. Thomas, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. Beall, do prepare and bring in the same.

The petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, which was referred from the last session, is withdrawn at the request of the petitioners.

The bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of St. Mary's county court, read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Ford. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

The petition of William Ditto was read and rejected.

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

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, June 24, 1777.

May it please your honours,
THIS house have considered the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, sent us this day by Thomas Stone, Esq; and have agreed to extend the time to the 15th of August, but cannot consent to your other amendments, because we apprehend they will be of dangerous consequence, by extending the exemption to double the number of militia that would be entitled to that exemption by our bill,

We are desirous of filling up our quota of troops in the continental army, and therefore gave an exemption from militia and military duty to one person who should find a recruit, limiting the bounty to thirty dollars, a sum so small that it cannot be grievous. Should this exemption be extended to two militia men, and by that means several thousand of the inhabitants of this state, who are well able to do duty, be excused from all the burthens that others would be subject to, we apprehend a general clamour would be raised, and the common people thereby rendered more averse to attend musters and expose themselves to every hazard, than they now are; we have therefore returned the bill, in hopes your honours will recede from that amendment.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and concurred with. Sent to the senate by Mr. Galloway and Mr. Kent.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, June 25, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for suspending the power of the commissioners for building a court house and prison in Harford county. ORDERED, That Mr. J. Bond, Mr. T. Bond, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Smithson, do prepare and bring in the same.

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from Elie Vallette, setting forth, That by a resolve of the last session of assembly, the records of the prerogative office are for the present entrusted to the care of the register of wills for Prince-George's county, until the same be removed to another county.

That he hath for many years past had the custody of the said records, and trusts that his assiduity and care in the management of that office hath been unrepensible.

That he hath given ample security for his faithful performance thereof, for which he apprehends himself still liable.

That great inconvenience would arise, not only to him, but also, most probably, irreparable injury to the books and papers, and loss to the public, in subjecting those records to be transferred into different hands for such short time; no special delivery thereof being practicable, but must