

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency the governor of this day, relating to the barracks directed to be built in this state (together with a plan and estimate of those directed to be built at Frederick-Town, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 25, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the recovery of fines on non-enrollers, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 24, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

"By the senate, June 25, 1777: Read the second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to remove the records of the prerogative office, which was read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Semmes. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 24, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

"By the senate, June 25, 1777: Read the second time by especial order and will pass, with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

By the S E N A T E, June 25, 1777.

Amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to punish forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes.

In the 8th line of the first page, after the word "merchandise," insert the words "except the articles of grain and lumber." In the twelfth line of the same page, after the word "merchandise," insert the words "except as before excepted." In the eleventh line of the second page, strike out the word "hogs" and the word "linen." In the twelfth line of the same page, strike out the words "spirituous liquors of any kind." In the end of the twelfth and the beginning of the thirteenth lines of the same page, strike out the words "iron in pigs, bars, or rods." In the thirteenth line of the same page, strike out the word "candles." In the beginning of the seventh line of the fourth page, insert the words "into or manufactured." In the sixth line of the fifth page, strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "thirty." Between the seventh and eighth lines of the fifth page, insert the words "except the articles of salt and brown sugar, which shall be sold at not more than thirty-five per cent, upon the purchase money and the charges aforesaid." In the tenth line of the same page, strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "thirty." In the twelfth line of the same page, after the word "sale," insert the following words, "except the articles of salt and brown sugar, which shall be sold at not more than thirty-five per centum profit on the purchase money with the charges aforesaid." In the seventh line of the sixth page, after the word "same," insert the words "reserving sufficient for the use of himself and his family for one year." In the eighth line of the sixth page, strike out the word "twenty" and insert the word "thirty." In the ninth line of the same page, after the word "sale," insert the words "except the articles of salt and brown sugar, which shall be sold at not more than thirty-five per cent. profit on the purchase money with the charges aforesaid."

From the end of the thirteenth line in the same page, strike out all that follows to the word "cent." in the seventh page, and insert the following words: "Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, that several persons from some of the neighbouring states, have engrossed very large quantities of iron, sugar, cotton, salt, and melasses, Be it enacted, that none of the said articles shall be carried out of this state, and that the purchaser thereof shall sell the same by retail within this state to the inhabitants thereof, if required, at not more than the rate of ten per cent. profit on the purchase money, and if any of the said purchasers, their agents, factors, storekeepers or trustees, in whose possession any of the said articles may be, shall refuse to sell the said articles, or any of them, at the rate aforesaid, to any of the inhabitants of this state as aforesaid, he or they so refusing, shall for every offence forfeit the sum of five pounds current money, one half thereof to the informer and the other half to the use of this state, and shall also forfeit to the uses aforesaid, the goods so as aforesaid refused to be sold."

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