

## A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Allein,	Ridgely,	Gilpin,	T. Bond,	Beall,
	Ford,	Harrison,	Stevenson,	Iwing,	Archer,	Williams,
	Perkins,	Semmes,	Shepherd,	Gibson,	Smithson,	Wootton,
	Maxwell,	Turner,	R. Bond,	Banning,	Douglass,	Crabb,
	Hammond,	Deye,	Veazy,	Schrivver,	Smith,	Burgefs.
	Fitzhugh,					

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Read,	Galloway,	Henry,	S. Chase,	Edelen,	J. T. Chase.
	Jordan,	Jackson,	Smoot,	Brice,	Sheredine,	J. Sprigg,
	Lethrbury,	Winder,	Craufurd,	Bruff,	P. Thomas,	Hughes.
	Hall,	Ennalls,	O. Sprigg,	Chaille,	Downes,	

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, and the following message :

By the S E N A T E, June 26, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have receded from the amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, which you disagreed to, not because we think the bill, in its present form, will most probably produce the end designed by it, but because you will not agree to adopt the amendments, which, we are of opinion, would be more successful.

That the sum to be given for recruits is in the power of most people, we readily admit, and from thence conclude, there will be no scarcity of persons desirous of the exemption, from the sum limited, but we conceive you lessen a very strong inducement to men who might enlist to serve their friends, connexions or near relations, a motive which will operate in proportion to the number to be served.

In times like the present, clamour is easily excited, but we cannot suppose a regulation equal to all, and grievous to none, could be so grossly misunderstood, as to produce general uneasiness. Upon what principle the common people, in particular, could take offence at the alteration proposed by us, we are at a loss to conjecture, especially, as if adopted, it will afford an opportunity to a greater number of them to be exempted from militia and military duty, (to which you hint they are at present averse) than is done by this bill; and we conceive, this class of people, from the limitation of the sum to be given, and their particular connexions, will be more likely to obtain recruits than others.

A speedy reinforcement to the American army, will, in our judgment, be the most effectual measure to relieve the people of this state from the burthensome part of militia and military duty; and we are exceedingly sorry, that the expedient which appears to us most likely to produce this very desirable end, cannot be tried.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

The message was read, and the bill passed for engrossing,

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to remove the records of the prerogative office, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 26, 1777: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

The house having gone through the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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Sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. Wootton. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Mr. Gibson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Joseph Nicholson, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for