

T H U R S D A Y, April 2, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Worthington and Mr. Purnell appeared in the house.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An amendment to an act, entitled, an additional supplement to the acts for assessment of property. ORDERED, That Mr. Murray, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. R. Barnes, Mr. Lethrbury, and Mr. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

The house taking into consideration the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, the question was put, That two thousand men, including the volunteers already obtained by recruiting, and exclusive of the two artillery companies, be raised by this state? Determined in the negative. The question was then put on two thousand nine hundred and two men, and passed in the affirmative.

Mr. Winder has leave of absence.

The question being put, That the proportion of men to be furnished by Harford county be one hundred and sixty-three? passed in the affirmative.

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| | Plowden, | Chew, | Deye, | Bowie, | Purnell, | J. Barnes, |
| | Maxwell, | Turner, | Stevenson, | Magruder, | Mitchell, | Schnebely, |
| | J. Hall, | Maddux, | Shepherd, | Contee, | Young, | Bayly, |
| | Hammond, | Strawbridge, | Veazey, | Quynn, | Sheredine, | Crabb, |
| | Worthington, | L. Wilson, | Ward, | Gibson, | Smith, | Burgefs. |

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| Messieurs Lethrbury, | Hyland, | Brice, | Goldborough, | Edelen, | A. Hall. |
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The question was put, That the following paragraph in the bill under consideration be struck out: "And every militia man who shall provide a good able-bodied recruit, on or before the twentieth day of May next, to serve in the continental army for the space of three years, or during the war, shall be exempt from being draughted, and from all militia and military duty, within and without the state, for three years, or during the war, as the case may be?" Determined in the negative.

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Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met, And, resuming the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, and the question being put on the following clause: "And any field-officer of the battalion shall and may proceed to class all the officers and men of the company not exempt by this or any former law from doing military duty out of the state, into as many classes as there may be men wanted, having regard to property, so as to distribute the same as equally as may be into each class, and every class that shall find one able-bodied recruit within five days, and bring the same to the lieutenant of the county or field-officer who classed them, shall be exempt from the draught; and the said field-officer shall, and he is hereby required, under the penalty of five hundred pounds, to cause all such classes, who do not find such able bodied recruit, to be draughted, whether the persons of whom the class is composed be absent or present. And, in order that the said draught shall be made in a just and impartial manner, any field-officer shall call to his assistance any one or more commissioners of the assessment, justices of the peace, or other respectable freeholders above fifty years of age, who shall meet at some convenient place immediately after the expiration of the five days before mentioned, and then and there appoint a fit person for their clerk to take minutes of their proceedings; they shall severally take an oath, before some justice, well and truly to conduct the draught then to be made, without favour or partiality; and having taken