

T U E S D A Y, April 7, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. J. Barnes. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Strawbridge has leave of absence. Mr. Bruff appeared in the house.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Contee appeared in the house. Mr. Goldsborough has leave of absence. Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 3, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 7, 1778: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments herewith sent.

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Amendments proposed. Strike out the preamble of the bill and insert the following: "Whereas it has been represented by congress as absolutely necessary to use the most vigorous exertions to bring a powerful army into the field the ensuing campaign, and it appearing to this assembly to be the indispensable duty of this state to adopt the most effectual means to attain that end: And whereas the encouragements heretofore given by this state have been found ineffectual to raise the necessary number of men by voluntary enlistments."

In the fifth line of the first page, strike out from the word "that" to the word "state" in the following line.

In the 8th line of the 2d page, after the word "until," strike out to the word "enlisted" in the 9th line, and insert, "the said number of two thousand seven hundred and forty-two men are."

After the word "war," in the same line, strike out to the end of the line.

At the bottom of the 2d page insert the following proviso: "Provided always, and it is the true intent and meaning of this act, That no two persons of the higher or more substantial part or order of the militia shall join in procuring a recruit, but that the benefit of exemption therefrom arising may be shared as equally as may be, one at least of the persons so procuring a recruit shall be a man of the lower part or order of the militia, having a family."

In the 1st line of the 3d page, after the word "person," insert "above twenty-one years of age."

In the 3d line of same page, strike out "or" and insert "with," and between the words "officer" and "to" insert "or in case of the absence of the lieutenant by sickness or other cause, by any two field officers of the county, upon such person being brought before them, as hereafter mentioned."

In the 6th line of same page, between the words "or" and "for," insert "enlist," and after the word "war," in same line, insert "and receive the bounty."

After the word "vagrant," in the 10th line, insert the following proviso: "Provided nevertheless, That the governor and council shall have full power and authority, upon complaint made, to revise the adjudication to be made as aforesaid, and to discharge any person adjudged a vagrant, if in their judgment such person does not answer the above description."

In the beginning of the 12th line of same page, strike out the word "servant," and insert, "until his original term of service is expired."

In the 21st line of same page, strike out the word "impressed," and insert, "adjudged as aforesaid;" and in the 2d line from the bottom, strike out the word "keep," and insert "make."

After the end of the 2d line of the 4th page, insert the following clause:

"And be it enacted, That every person claiming exemption, by having found a substitute in virtue of the act, entitled, An act to reinforce the American army, shall notify the same to the lieutenant of his county on or before the twentieth day of May next, or lose the benefit of such exemption, and be subject to the draught as other militia men; and the lieutenant is hereby directed to deduct the exempted persons, by this and any former law, from the number of militia in his county, and send a list thereof to the field officers, and also apportion the men wanted, if any, as near as may be on the whole militia of the county, after such deduction."

In the 1st line of the fifth page, between "battalion" and "shall," insert the words, "so directed by the lieutenant."

In the 2d line, between "company" and "not," insert, "above the age of eighteen years, and."

In the 10th line, strike out the word "any," and insert "such."

In the 11th line, strike out "justices of the peace."

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