

take the oath prescribed to be taken by a law of the state, he apprehends his estate will be seized by the British government; and therefore praying to be excused from taking the said oath.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, April 9, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Ward, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Shredine. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. H. Willson appeared in the house.

A letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a memorial from John Lafavar, of Frederick county, proposing to raise a troop of horse, to be considered as part of the quota of this state, was laid before the house and read.

RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be empowered and requested; during this session of assembly, to appoint and commission militia officers for Cæcil, Harford, and Caroline counties, or any other county where it may be judged necessary.

Sent up for concurrence by Mr. Murray and Mr. Thomas.

Mr Chew has leave of absence.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Normand Bruce, Esq; of the 2d of March last, notifying that he had, in consequence of his appointment to meet at Fredericksburg, on the 15th day of January last, attended at that place, with other commissioners from this state, for several days without being met by any commissioners from the states of Virginia or North-Carolina.

Charles Carroll, barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve sent up this forenoon, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 9, 1778: Read and assented to.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Communicated to the governor and the council by Mr. Williams.

The house taking into consideration the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, the question was put; That the house assent to those clauses directing the draughts from the militia to be conducted to camp, and commanded by officers of the militia taken from said draughts, and subjecting the said draughts to the laws of this state, establishing rules and regulations for the militia of this state, when in actual service, in all instances, except that any officer in the regular battalions may sit in courts-martial on the trial of any of the said draughts? Determined in the negative.

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

Messrs.	Hammond, Worthington, Tillard,	Somervill, Chew, Deye,	Stevenson, Shepherd, Ridgely,	Magruder, Purnell, Mitchell,	H. Wilson, A. Hall, Burgefs,	Williams, Bayly.
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On considering the said amendments the question was put, That the house assent to that clause allowing an appeal to the governor and council by persons who may think themselves aggrieved by the fine imposed for refusing to go on duty when draughted? Determined in the negative.

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The house having gone through the several amendments proposed, and agreed to some, and rejected others, **ORDERED**, That a message be prepared and sent to the senate acquainting them therewith, and proposing a conference on the subject of them; and it was prepared and sent accordingly by Mr. Veazey and Mr. Bayly, in the words following:

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