

Turbutt Wright, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 6, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.  
"By the senate, April 9, 1778: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments here-  
"with sent. By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "any," in the first line of the third page, to the word "be," in the third line, and insert "plea to a declaration in such actions, except the general issue, unless the same." In the first line of the 4th page, strike out from the word "chattels" to the end of the clause.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The amendments were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. J. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a message in answer to that by Thomas Stone, Esq; which was read and concurred with, and follows in these words:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 9, 1778.

May it please your honours,

IN answer to your message by Thomas Stone, Esq; we do not agree to the following amendments proposed by your house to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, viz. To the latter part of your preamble, beginning at the words "And whereas," to the end. To the proviso proposed to be added at the bottom of the second page. To the age of vagrants, nor the manner of their adjudication, in page 3. To the manner of constituting courts-martial for excusing persons under peculiar circumstances, in page 6, nor to striking out the words immediately following, viz. "from actual service or imprisonment." To the clause relating to draughts and substitutes, intended to be added at the end of page 6, beginning at the words, "And be it enacted, That the said draughts," and ending with the words "regular soldiers." To the amendments proposed about courts-martial, in page 7, of the bill. To the proviso giving an appeal to the governor and council, at the end of the clause, in page 7. To the expressions naturally depending on that proviso in the following sections. To the amendments proposed by striking out the words "of the recruits raised as aforesaid," in page 8, and the words "recruits or," in the tenth line of same page. To the amendments proposed relative to the persons who are to maintain the families of absentees, except inserting, "and such as are excused from bearing arms on account of bodily infirmity," in page 8. To the insertion of the words, "except as aforesaid", in page 8. These are the amendments we have not adopted, and on which we desire to confer with your honours; and have named Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Chase, Mr. West, and Mr. Burges, for our conferrees.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

The said message was fairly transcribed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Bruff.  
Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

F R I D A Y, April 10, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Chew. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M'Pherson appeared in the house.

On a second reading the letter from the reverend John Scott, RESOLVED, That the request contained therein, to be released from his bond to this state, be rejected.

Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a message, which was read, and is as follows:

By the SENATE, April 10, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE are ready to go into the proposed conference on the amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army, disagreed to by your house, and have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Thomas Stone, and Brice T. B. Worthington, Esqrs. to confer with the members named by you in your message of yesterday by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Bruff.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Bowie and Mr. Ford appeared in the house.

Mr. Somervill brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Barnaby Egan, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

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