

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. Burgess, for our conferrees.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following message was sent to the house of delegates by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, 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.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Mr. Quynn and Mr. Brice, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 8, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

" By the house of delegates, April 10, 1778: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, April 11, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the committee, brings in the following report:

A REPORT of the CONFERREES upon the amendments to the bill, entitled, An act to procure troops for the American army.

AGREED by the conferrees to strike out the part of the preamble proposed by the senate, and objected to by the house of delegates.

Agreed to strike out the proviso objected to.

Agreed to limit the age of vagrants to eighteen years, and with this amendment to agree to the clause in the bill.

Agreed to constitute courts-martial in the following manner: "The said court-martial shall be summoned on or before the tenth day of June next, by the lieutenant of the county, to meet within five days from the time of issuing the summons for the meeting of the said court, and in case of failure, the said lieutenant shall forfeit the sum of two hundred pounds common money: And all the field officers of the county shall be summoned to attend, and the lieutenant, and every field officer, neglecting or refusing to attend, without being prevented by sickness or some unavoidable