

In the fifth line of the eighth page, after the word "whereas," strike out all that follows to the end of the ninth line of the ninth page, and insert the following words: "It is represented to this general assembly, that divers persons, inhabitants of this state, have engrossed large quantities of salt, rum, sugar, molasses, coffee, and iron, with intent to sell the same again at high and exorbitant prices, by means whereof the inhabitants are greatly oppressed; and whereas also several persons of this state may have purchased and laid up, for the use of their families, more salt than is sufficient to serve their families for one year from this time, Be it enacted, that all and every of the persons who have so engrossed the said articles as aforesaid, shall sell the same by retail to the inhabitants of this state, at not more than the rate of ten per centum profit on the purchase money, reserving so much of the said articles as may be necessary for himself and family for one year, and not selling more of the overplus of the article of salt to any person, than shall be sufficient for the use of his family for one year, allowing one peck to each individual of such family; and if any of the said persons who have engrossed any of the said articles as aforesaid, shall refuse to sell the same at the rate aforesaid, and in manner aforesaid, he shall for every offence forfeit the sum of five pounds current money, and the goods so refused to be sold, one half thereof to the use of the informer, and the other half to the use of this state.

"And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons in this state hath or have purchased or laid up, for the use of his or their family or families, more salt than shall be sufficient for his or their family or families for one year from this time, such person or persons shall sell the overplus to the inhabitants of this state by retail, at the same rate, and in the same manner and proportion, as the persons who have engrossed salt as above mentioned are directed to sell the same; and if any person shall refuse to sell the overplus of his salt, at the rate and manner aforesaid, he shall forfeit for every offence the sum of five pounds current money, and the overplus of his salt so refused to be sold, one half to the informer, and the other half to the use of this state."

In the fourth line of the tenth page, after the word "person," insert the words "to whom no money has been or shall be advanced by the public."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

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

Robert Goldsborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for enlarging the powers of the governor and the council, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 25, 1777: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the acts for assessment of property. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Hughes, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the special appointment of inspectors. ORDERED, That Mr. Gibson, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Burgess, do prepare and bring in the same.

On reading a second time the letter from his excellency the governor of this day, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to take the same, together with the plan and estimate of the barracks directed to be built at Frederick-Town, into consideration, and report their opinion thereon, and Mr. Hall, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Veazy, and Mr. Smith, are appointed a committee for that purpose.

The amendment proposed by the senate to the resolutions of this house on the governor's letter of the 19th instant was read and agreed to, and the resolves communicated to his excellency by Mr. Wootton.

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

T H U R S D A Y, June 26, 1777.

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

Mr. Gilpin from the committee of manufactories, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report, which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to regulate the militia. ORDERED, That Mr. Hall, Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Lethbury, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wootton, and Mr. J. T. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Hall brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate the militia; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house took into consideration the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and, on motion, the question was put, That the blank ascertaining the jurisdiction of the magistrates, be filled with the sum of seven pounds ten shillings common money. Resolved in the affirmative.