

compelling the payment of the amount to be collected by the collectors of Baltimore county to the treasurer of the levy court of said county.

Which was read.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clk.

The resolutions in favor of Ann Jackson, Mark Goldsborough, Adam Ott, Michael House, Edward Shoebrook, Gilbert Middleton, Benjamin Uncles and Edward Hood, were read, assented to and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favor of Ann Speddon was read the second time and the question put, that the house assent to the same. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Dorsey, Millard, Maddox, Harris, Marriott, Brown, Dalrymple, Weems, Jenifer, Edelen, Garner, Rogerson, Dennis, Ballard, Waters, Chew, Semmes, J. Forrest, Culver, Carroll, Hughes, Moffett, Barney, Bowles, Gabby, Kershner, Darne, Riggs, Wiatt.—29.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker, Stewart, Sollars, Orrick, Snowden, Griffith, Travers, Williams, Meconkin, Nicholson, Riley, Norris, Whiteford, Greenwell.—15. Resolved in the affirmative and the resolution sent to the senate.

The resolutions in favor of Henry Carberry, Isaac Holland, Elizabeth Isabel, Sarah Wyndham, Robert Wilmot, Clement Sewell and John Williams, were read, assented to and sent to the senate.

The resolution in favor of Henry Spalding, was read the second time and postponed.

The report unfavorable to Stanley Robinson, Samuel Sprigg, John Barrett, James Curry, Thomas Chinworth, Edward Markland, Anthony Davis, Francis Preston and John Seth, was read the second time.

On motion by Mr Dorsey the name of Anthony Davis was stricken out; the report was then concurred with.

The resolution in favor of Joseph Thomas was read the second time, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr. Bowles delivers a report unfavorable to Henry Hilterbrand a revolutionary soldier; which was concurred with.

The resolution in favor of Benjamin Tickle, was read, assented to and sent to the senate.

Mr Millard delivers a resolution in favor of Anthony Davis, a revolutionary soldier, which was read.

The resolution in favor of Eliza Bruff, was read the second time and dissented from.

On motion by Mr Bruce the following message was read:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, Feb. 20, 1822.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have attended to your message accompanying the return of the bill intended to impose a direct tax, and regret the diversity of opinion that appears to exist upon so important a subject. The principles that guided us were these acquainted with the situation, the feelings and the wants of our constituents. It became a consideration dear to us, to render that portion of the tax bearing more immediately upon the great body of the people, as light as practicable, & this could be answered in no other way than by procuring every practicable aid from indirect sources. The lottery system received our approbation, and it is strongly supported by the eager anxiety of individuals to raise funds through this source; and if it will be thus servicable to them, why may not the state avail itself of the advantage? Our neighbors at home and nations distant from us have deemed this a source of revenue not unworthy of their attention, and the duration given it, pleads powerfully in its support; the tax on deceased estates, we considered equally if not more acceptable. It falls upon a species of property in no other way taxed, that unquestionably is a just object of taxation, but from its transitory, changeable character, has generally eluded and has always been found extremely difficult if not impossible of taxation, & could in no way so directly and certainly be reached as through the mode pointed out by us. Some of the most respectable and longest established governments in Europe, where every question connected with finance is better understood than in any other quarter of the world, consider this plan as among the best, the most easy of collection and the most reconcilable to the feelings and opinions of the country. Thus sanctioned we could no longer hesitate.

We are aware that our plan is not free from objection, and what human effort is? But upon further reflection, we trust you will agree that one less objectionable could not at this moment be reared up. You will not look for perfectability; it is but a choice of evils or of expedients, and we presumed for a commencement would be sufficient, afford an adequate ground of reliance for the present, susceptible of such additions and improvements as experience, and further reflection must suggest. At this late period of the session we could not advance upon any new ground, and therefore return to you for further consideration, the bill entitled, An act to provide a revenue for the support of government of this state, praying you to take it in consideration with other bills on the same subject; and in such decision as in the fullness of your wisdom may be expressed, we should yield the most ready acquiescence.

By order,

JOHN BREWER, Clk.

On motion by Mr Dorsey, a division of the question was called for and put, that the house assent to that part of the message relative to deceased estates. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs Harris, Hall, Marriott, Brown, Stewart, Weems, Loockerman, T. Kemp, Waters, Meconkin, Nicholson, Riley, Bruce, Barney, Gabby, Kershner, Sprigg, Hoffman, Greenwell, Wiatt.—20.