

That Col. *John Henry* is returned a Delegate for *Dorchester* County; but, that the Writ, to which the Indenture is annexed, has no Indorsement thereon. And also,

That Mr. *Thomas Key*, is returned a Delegate for *St. Mary's* County; but, that the Writ to which the Indenture is annexed, has no Indorsement thereon.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

Signed per Order,

HENRY WILKINS, Cl.

*T. Johnson*, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Resolves, prepared by the Committee appointed, viz.

On reading the Second Time the Message of the Upper House of the Second Instant, with the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, by *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; Unanimously Resolved, That the said Bill is a Money Bill; that it is the fundamental and undoubted Right of this House, solely and exclusively, to frame all Money Bills, and therein to limit the Matter, Manner, Measure and Time of all Grants and Dispositions of Public Money whatsoever; and that this House never will give up, wave, or weaken, in any Manner, that great Privilege of the People; That the Upper House clearly have no Right or Constitutional Power to propose or offer any the least Amendment to Money Bills, but ought solely to Pass, or reject the same.

Unanimously Resolved therefore, that the said Message, proposing Amendments to the said Bill, is unconstitutional, and an Attempt to infringe the most valuable inherent and essential Right of the Freemen of this Province.

Resolved further, That were some of the Matters proposed by the said Message, rather to be adopted, than the present Frame and Language of the Bill, yet it is sufficiently perfect to answer the intended Purposes; and that, if Amendments should be necessary, Omissions or Defects may be supplied by a Supplementary Bill, as is frequently done, with their Honours hearty Concurrence in many Instances, of which the Inspection Law is a recent Example.

But, Resolved, That the said Bill does not require the Commissioners safely to keep the Stamps and Flowers longer in their Office, than the Duration of their Power. They are not directed to keep them longer than they are to have the Custody and Keys of the old Paper-Money-Office, which is till an Examination of their Proceedings had by a Committee of both Houses of Assembly. That the Upper House thinking it proper there should be Two Commissioners present at the Delivery of Bills of Credit, but, in case of the Inability of one of them, from Sickness, or other reasonable Cause, to attend, some Provision was requisite, in order to prevent a total Stop to the Business, includes the Idea of more than Two Commissioners being necessary, which may well coincide with Views of Power, but is burthensome and hurtful to the People. That the present Bill goes in this upon the same Principle of the old Paper-Money Law, (from whence Experience affords no Instance of Inconvenience) that of making the Presence of all the Commissioners necessary at every opening of the Iron Chest, that all may be answerable for any Mal-Conduct, and the greater the Number of Commissioners, the more probable it is there would be a total Stop to the Business, from Sickness, or the like, unless Part of the Number might act, and if any Thing was acted amiss, the Public sent on the vain Enquiry of, Who did it?

That the Service in recording Bonds and Orders, and in the safe Custody of them, might well have been paid for by the Commissioners out of their Salary.

That the Recital of the Agreement between the Two Houses, is done with Truth and Candour, and leaves no Room for an Inference, that either House has held a Conduct different from the Fact, and that though the Upper House have not always dissented to the List of Debts, that yet they have, in the Language of the Bill, as well this Session, as many others heretofore, done so, and it might have been added, always; but twice, one of which Times was the last Session, and the other towards the Close of the preceding Session, at a Time this House had formed a Resolution of discharging all Public Claims by an Emission of Bills on the Credit of the Public Money, and after their Honours had dissented to that List the same Session, which shews their want of Care to prevent an Inference, that their then Assent to the List of Debts, was calculated to destroy the Fund, or shift the Odium of the Non-Payment thereof on this House. That the Upper House might well presume, that as the Attendance of those to whom the Keys of the Repository and Iron Chests are to be delivered, is not required, it was not intended; and, if it is necessary clearly to express every Thing not intended by the Bill, the same might be spun out to such Length, that the Money to be emitted would be insufficient to pay for recording it.

That the Notion of a Propriety in there being Two Commissioners to receive the Bills of Credit, and draw Bills of Exchange, as well as the Increase of Salary, to induce Gentlemen, properly qualified, to accept of the Appointment, may well enough correspond with Ideas of numerous Dependents, but can answer no valuable Purpose, with Respect to the Public.

Which the House Ordered to be entered on the Journal, as such.

And the following Message, viz.