

102 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, MARCH, 1778.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Hammond,	Somervill,	Ridgely,	Magruder,	H. Wilson,	Bayly,
Worthington,	Deye,	Bowie,	Contee,	Burgess,	Williams.
Tillard,					

Sent to the senate by Mr. Thomas and Mr. Maddux.
Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 15, 1778.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Smith has leave of absence. The bill, entitled, An act for allowing a further time for taking the oath of fidelity and support to this state, was read the first and second time by an especial order; and thereupon the house taking the same into consideration, and the question being put, That the said bill do pass? It was determined in the negative.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. Deye,	Stevenson,	Shepherd,	Ridgely,	H. Wilson.
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Messieurs	R. Barnes,	Somervill,	Murray,	Contee,	Mitchell,	J. Barnes,
	Plowden,	Semmes,	Veazey,	Brice,	Edelen,	Schnebely,
	Lethrbury,	M'Pherson,	Hyland,	Quynn,	Thomas,	Burgess,
	Gresham,	Maddux,	West,	Earle,	Young,	Williams,
	Hammond,	Winder,	Bowie,	Bruff,	Chase,	Bayly,
	Worthington,	L. Wilson,	Magruder,	Purnell,	Sprigg,	Crabb.
	Tillard,					

The bill was endorsed accordingly, and sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Stevenson. Mr. Earle brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Veazey, and Thomas Brocchus Veazey, son and executor of John Veazey, deceased; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A letter from his excellency the governor was laid before the house and read, enclosing a letter from colonel Charles Beatty, of the 13th instant, and a letter from John Cox, Esq; assistant quarter master general of the continental army, requesting one hundred waggons may be procured with all possible dispatch, to proceed to Edenton, in North-Carolina, for military and other stores for the continental army: Also a letter from Mr. Samuel Hughes, of the 11th instant, upon the subject of purchasing provisions: Also a letter from Robert Long, of the 11th instant, on the subject of opening a road from George-Town, on Patowmack river, or Bladensburg, to Baltimore-Town: Also a letter from the justices of Charles county court, of the 10th instant, notifying that the sheriff of that county had not given bond for his collection of the assessment. The said letters being severally read, were referred to the committee appointed to take into consideration the several letters and acts of congress, &c.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee to whom the bill, entitled, An act to prevent and suppress insurrections, was committed for amendments, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, which was read with the amendments, and will pass.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to revive and continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 13th, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."
"By the senate, April 15, 1778: Read the second time, and will pass."
"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By the S E N A T E, April 15, 1778.

Gentlemen,
WE have reconsidered the amendment proposed by this house to the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of public debts, which you have rejected, and have weighed the reasons urged in your message by Mr. Maddux and Mr. Gresham, against the propriety thereof, which are by no means satisfactory to us. The clause for binding the real property of supposed debtors to the public from the time of issuing writs against them, we conceive, may be productive of very injurious consequences to individuals, without affording any effectual security against fraudulent practices; when a writ is issued, it will only be necessary for the public agent to lodge a short note or declaration of the claim, and in cases where accounts are not liquidated, the course will be to claim the whole money delivered, and put the defendant to make out his application thereof by proof,