

N O V E M B E R S E S S I O N, 1787.

from any interest for which he may by law be liable on account of the arrears of taxes aforesaid; provided always, that where interest hath been received from the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, either by the said Vachel Downes, or any deputy collector acting under his authority, that then the said Vachel Downes shall be accountable to the person from whom received for all such interest, and the same may be recovered, if necessary, by action or warrant, as the case may be, as in other cases where money has been had and received to the use of the party entitled thereto.

WHEREAS the late intendant of the revenue sold several parcels of land in Cecil county, formerly within the lines of Pennsylvania and Delaware, which lands, or parts thereof, the purchasers claim title to under the laws of said states, and the proprietors of Pennsylvania also claim a right to certain parcels of said land; RESOLVED, That no proceedings be had against the purchasers before the end of the next session of assembly, and that when the claims above mentioned are adjusted, patents may issue on such lands as this state had a right in, any defect in the authority of the late intendant to sell the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

RESOLVED, That drawbacks shall be allowed to original importers on duties payable in virtue of the act of April session, 1787, chap. 42, in the same manner as directed by the act of November session, 1784, chap. 76, sect. 7.

RESOLVED, That continental state and state money ought not to be received in payment of duties imposed by the act for the erecting light-houses upon Chesapeake Bay and Patowmack river.

THE joint committee appointed to inquire into the issuing, during the course of last winter and spring, from the continental loan-office in this state, of some part of the four tenths of the continental state money reserved to congress, and to devise such means as might by them be deemed most effectual to prevent the state sustaining any injury and loss by the issuing of such money as aforesaid, beg leave to report, that they find, on inquiry, that there has been issued from the continental loan-office, in virtue of orders drawn by the commissioners of the board of treasury, in the months of December and March last, the sum of 54642 and  $\frac{2}{3}$ ths continental state dollars; whereupon your committee came to the following resolutions, which are submitted to the consideration of both houses.

RESOLVED, That so much of the monies arising from assessment and duties appropriated to congress, being equal to the sum of continental state money issued on the orders aforesaid, and the interest thereof, be appropriated to such uses as the general assembly shall hereafter direct.

RESOLVED, That the delegates from this state to congress be directed and instructed to apply to congress for information by what authority the aforesaid sum of 54642  $\frac{2}{3}$ ths continental state dollars was issued from the continental loan-office in this state, whether by any recent order or resolution of congress, or merely by the authority of the commissioners of the board of treasury of the United States, in virtue of some agreement or contract by them entered into on behalf of the United States with private persons.

RESOLVED, That if the aforesaid sum was issued merely by the authority of the said commissioners, that the delegates be directed to move in congress, that the said commissioners appear before congress, and there declare the nature and terms of the contract by them entered into, and with what persons, and exhibit an authenticated copy of said contract, and make known the names of the persons who first applied to the said commissioners for the issuing of the said continental state money from the continental loan-office in this state, and declare the nature and extent of the terms first proposed by such persons, and lay before congress a copy of said terms or propositions, if reduced to writing, and preserved in the board of treasury of the United States.

RESOLVED, That the delegates aforesaid be directed and instructed to obtain information from congress, whether any part of the four tenths of the continental state money reserved to the use of the United States has been lately drawn