

After the word "sold" in the eleventh line of same page, insert the following, "or equal to the bills of credit so offered, asked or demanded, as the case may be."

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The said bill and amendments sent to the house of delegates by William Paca, Esquire.

Upon the putting the bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, together with the amendments thereto, to the passage, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; gave notice, that he should enter his dissent, and filed the following

DISSENTIET,

BECAUSE I conceive this bill to be extremely partial, affecting a particular class of men, whom it obliges to receive for money due to them, the continental bills of credit and the bills of credit of this state at their nominal value, while all others are left at liberty, in consequence of a real and great depreciation of those bills, to exact the most exorbitant prices for their land, the produce thereof, and for every other saleable commodity.

BECAUSE, there is no justice in punishing the innocent, to prevent the evil practices of disaffected persons, desirous of depreciating our paper currencies, against the future commission only of which practices this bill provides; without giving it a retrospect, all future monied contracts might be made dischargeable in the continental bills of credit, and in the bills of credit of this state, which provision, I conceive, would remedy the mischiefs complained of, as far as human laws can guard against the secret workings and devices of the avaricious and artful; and by providing that creditors shall receive their interest in these bills of credit at their respective nominal values, and the principal too, should they sue for the recovery thereof during this war, or in a limited time afterwards, the only plausible argument in support of the bill would be fully answered, and debtors would be relieved from the accumulation of interest, and the distress which that accumulation and the unfeelingness of their creditors, not so restrained, might otherwise heap upon them.

CHARLES CARROLL of Carrollton.

Adjourned till next day 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, April 10, 1777.

SENATE met according to adjournment. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

A bill, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, was read a second time and will pass, and was sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

A bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines and forfeited recognizances, was read a first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A bill, entitled, An act for the erecting barracks, was read a second time and will pass, and sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

A bill, entitled, An act for quartering soldiers, was read a second time and will pass with the following amendments, viz. In the eighth and ninth lines of the second page strike out the words "who refused or neglected to subscribe the association on or before the eleventh day of April last," and insert the following, "who shall not have subscribed the association at the time of such billeting, or who shall hereafter be adjudged enemies or disaffected persons by any legal authority of this state." The said bill and amendments sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, jun. Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act to revive the proceedings of Frederick county court, was read a second time and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq;

The bill, entitled, An act concerning marriages, was read a second time, and will pass with the following amendments:

Amendments to the bill concerning marriages.

In the fourth line of the fifth page strike out the word "sixteen" and insert "twenty-one." In the fifth line of the same page strike out the word "fourteen" and insert "sixteen." Strike out from the word "years" in the same line and page to the word "and" in the seventh line of the same page. Strike out from the word "void" in the seventh line of the eighth page to the word "and" in the twelfth line.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The said bill and amendments sent to the house of delegates by Turbutt Wright, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines and forfeited recognizances, was read a second time by an especial order and will pass. Sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Contee, Esquire.

Mr. Westton and Mr. Henry from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolve:

RESOLVED,