

A bill, entitled, An act relating to the bills of credit emitted by an act of assembly passed at November session 1766, was read a first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Worthington from the committee appointed to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office, brings in the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office.

YOUR committee beg leave to inform your honours, that on a view of the business to be done in this office, we are of opinion we cannot go through it in less than three weeks, and we are deterred from entering upon it, from an apprehension that the present session is drawing towards a conclusion.

Your committee therefore desire your honours instructions, if you are of opinion that there will be time this session sufficient to finish this business, we will immediately proceed on it; but should your honours think with us, we beg leave to suggest to your honours the propriety of appointing a committee in the recess of the assembly, to do this business, that the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners may be finally settled and closed, and the office put under the care and management of the gentlemen appointed by the house of delegates, and make report thereof to the general assembly at their next meeting.

All which is submitted to your honours consideration.

B. T. B. WORTHINGTON,
CHARLES GRAHAME,

HENRY DICKINSON,
JAMES JORDAN,

JAMES KENT.

Messieurs Jordan and Kent from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to establish a board of commissioners to superintend the marine department, and to import military stores, endorsed as follows; "By the house of delegates, April 7, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, April 16, 1777: Read a second time and will pass.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was read a second time, and will pass with the following amendments:

Strike out the word "seven" in the eleventh and twelfth lines of the fourth page, and insert the word "three" in each line. Sent to the house of delegates by Samuel Wilson, Esquire.

The bill, entitled, An act to assess and impose an equal tax on all property within this state, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act to establish a board of commissioners to superintend the marine department, and to import military stores, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs Ridgely and Williams from the house of delegates, bring up and deliver to the president the following resolves, which were read a first time.

On reading a second time the report from the committee appointed to examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan office, RESOLVED, That Mr. Brice, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Kent, be appointed to join one or more members of the senate, in the recess of assembly, and that any two or more of them have full power and authority to examine the state and condition of the public loan office, and make report thereupon to the next general assembly; and also have full power and authority to take said office, together with all the money therein, and also all the bonds, books and papers, and all other things belonging to the said office, out of the possession of the present commissioners, and deliver the same over to the commissioners appointed by the house of delegates, on their giving bond with good security, to be approved of by the governor and council, in the penal sum of five thousand pounds currency, payable to this state, conditioned for the observance and faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them: And the said commissioners shall respectively qualify themselves by taking the oath of allegiance and fidelity to this state, and signing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and also take the following oath, to wit: I, A. B. do swear, that I will, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully, impartially, and truly demean myself in the discharge of the trust committed to me by the house of delegates, as one of the commissioners of the loan office, so that none may be delayed or prejudiced by my consent, privity or procurement. So help me God.

And further, that the said commissioners may appoint their clerk, who shall give bond with good security, to be approved of as aforesaid, in the penal sum of fifteen hundred pounds currency, payable to this state, with condition for his faithful and honest discharge of his duty of clerk, and his keeping true, fair, and regular accounts and entries of the proceedings of the said commissioners; and shall also take the oath of fidelity and allegiance to this state, and sign a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and shall also take the following oath, to wit: I, A. B. do swear, that I will truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty of clerk of the commissioners of the loan office, and will keep a just and true account of all bills of credit which shall be issued and paid out of the said office, and the names of those to whom the same shall be paid and delivered, and all other necessary accounts relating to the said bills of credit; and true