

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the committee appointed for the purpose, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council.

Mr. M'Pherson and Mr. Tillard, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, April 16, 1778.

May it please your honours,

WE are not convinced by the reasoning contained in your message of the 15th instant, by William Hindman, Esq; relative to the amendment proposed to the bill for the speedy recovery of public debts. In our opinion, the interest of individuals ought not to be put in competition with that of the public, and, should any inconvenience arise to the debtor himself, it must be attributed to his own neglect in not passing his account in time, and paying the balance, if any found due. The short time from the commencement of suit until the trial court will much lessen the weight of your reasoning: creditors of public debtors will not be kept long in suspense. We have not leisure to go into long reasoning on the subject, and the compassionate manner in which you recede from the amendment, makes it proper to say something more, than that we still adhere to our bill in that particular of its creating a lien on the real estate of debtors from and after the commencement of suit. This being our resolution, we have closed with the proposition in the latter part of your message, and have thereupon passed the bill for engrossing.

By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del.

Which was read.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The senate met.

The bill, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, was read the first and second time, by an especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates, by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

Mr. Veazey and Dr. Schnebely, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Veazey and Thomas Brocchus Veazey, son and executor of John Veazey, deceased, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 15, 1778: 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, 1778: Read the second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

" By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

Mr. Edelen and Mr. Wilson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, April 16, 1778: Read the first and second time, by an especial order, and will pass.

" By order,

G. DUVALL, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, was read the first and second time, by an especial order, and passed.

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of John Veazey and Thomas Brocchus Veazey, son and executor of John Veazey, deceased, was read the first and second time, by an especial order, and passed, with the following amendments:

Strike out the words, "the monies," between the words "and," and "arising," in the fourth line of the 3d page, and insert, "so much of the money." After the word "addition," in the 5th line, insert, "as is necessary to satisfy and pay the judgment aforesaid obtained by James Raitt, against the said John Brown, in his life-time, for one hundred and fifty-nine pounds sterling." Strike out from the word "in," in the 7th line of same page, to the word "of," in the 10th line, and insert, "and the residue of the money arising on such sale shall be equally divided between the said John Veazey and Thomas Brocchus Veazey, and the other creditors." After the word "claims," at the end of tenth line, insert, "so far as is necessary to satisfy and pay their several and respective claims." Strike out from the word "and," in the beginning of the 11th line, to the word "overplus," inclusive; and insert "the overplus, if any, to be paid." Strike out from the word "and," in the 13th line, to the end of the clause. In the 4th line of 4th page, strike out from the word "the" to the word "shall" in 6th line, and insert "money which the said Thomas Brocchus Veazey may receive from the sale aforesaid, in virtue of this act."

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

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