

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, December 4, 1778.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to confirm the sale of the sloop Molly, sold by Richard Harrison to a certain William Bingham in the West-Indies, and to withdraw any suit commenced by this state for the recovery of the said sloop.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be empowered to pay unto Mr. Richard Harrison the balance of his account due from this state, and to pay the same in gold or silver, or in such other manner as may fully reimburse the said Mr. Harrison.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Which was read and assented to; and sent to the house of delegates by Thomas Stone, Esq; Messieurs Chew and Digges from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 3, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, December 4, 1778: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time by especial order, and passed with the following amendments:

In the last line of the first page, between the words "the" and "oath," insert the word "following." In the first line of the second page, strike out the words "prescribed by the act above recited," and insert the following: "You, A. B. do swear (or affirm) that you will diligently and carefully view and examine all tobacco brought to any public warehouse or warehouses, where you are appointed to be inspector, and all other tobacco you shall be called upon to view and inspect; and that you will not receive any tobacco, that is not, in your judgment, sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, nor receive, pass, or stamp, any tobacco, or hoghead, cask or case of tobacco prohibited by law; and that you will receive, pass, and stamp, all tobacco, that is sound, well conditioned, merchantable, and clear of trash, and in all things well and faithfully discharge your duty in the office of an inspector, according to the best of your skill and judgment, and according to law." In the 11th line of the 3d page, strike out the words "the directions of the said recited act," and insert "law." In the 16th line of the 3d page, strike out the word "nine" and insert "eight." In the 11th line of the 5th page, between the words "which" and "money," insert "last mentioned sum of."

Which said bill was sent to the house of delegates by George Plater, Esq;

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 5, 1778.

THE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain resolutions of convention, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass, and sent to the house of delegates, with the following message, by Matthew Tilghman, Esq;

By the S E N A T E, December 5, 1778.

Gentlemen,

WE consider the cause between Long's lessee against Pellett and others, in which there has been an appeal from the judgment of the provincial court, still depending, in virtue of a resolve by convention passed in July session, 1775, and an act of the general assembly, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, made in consequence of that resolve, and therefore cannot assent to the bill, entitled, An act to repeal certain resolutions of convention, and for other purposes therein mentioned. We are nevertheless desirous, from the peculiarity of the case, and the pressing application of the petitioner, that speedy justice may be done; and since particular circumstances of the state have hitherto prevented the appointment of judges of a court of appeals agreeable to our form of government, if such court cannot in your judgment be now conveniently constituted, we think a special court for the hearing and determining the above appeal, ought to be appointed by an act of the general assembly. Should this be agreeable to you, a bill for that purpose may immediately be prepared and sent you.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

The memorial of doctor Charles Alexander Warfield, praying to be absolved from an obligation entered into with the council of safety, was read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Robert Goldsborough, Esq;

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