

libitum, and the desire of gain should overcome the dictates of duty and honesty, the dread, and not the love of the people, would alone deter men of such characters from enriching themselves with the spoils of their constituents.

2dly. Because this resolve plainly discovers a disposition to relieve ourselves from the effects of a depreciated currency, while private creditors, and the public, remain unredressed, and continue to be stripped of their revenues and property by an *ex post facto* tender law, unnecessary and impolitic at its commencement, injurious and oppressive in its continuance, and alike destructive of private and public faith.

3dly. Because this resolve appears to be a manifestation of the continuance of that spirit, which, there is reason to apprehend, influenced too many to pass the tender law, viz. the preference of private to the public interest. By that law, individuals have acquired property at the public cost, and the public treasury has been deprived of a fund, which at the conclusion of this war, if properly managed, would have enabled the state to discharge all its own incumbrances, and part of its quota of the continental debt, without imposing such very heavy taxes, as now, by the abolition of that fund, are become absolutely necessary to discharge the debt incurred by the war, and the maintenance of our civil and military establishments.

CHARLES CARROLL of CARROLLTON.

The said resolve was assented to, and sent to the house of delegates by Matthew Tilghman, Esq; Messieurs Bayly and Burgess, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of Ariana Ross, executrix of doctor David Ross, deceased, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 21, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

"By the house of delegates, March 21, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act for the establishment of select vestries, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

M O N D A Y, March 22, 1779.

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

The bill, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of Ariana Ross, executrix of doctor David Ross, deceased, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Messieurs J. Beall and Jackson, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolution:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, March 22, 1779.

WHEREAS considerable sums of money have been heretofore advanced to sundry persons in this state, for furnishing cannon, muskets, gun-locks, salt, saltpetre, and sundry other manufactures, and it not appearing to this house, that the terms on which the sums aforesaid were advanced have been complied with: **RESOLVED**, That Messieurs Hall, J. Beall, Quynn, Brice, and Maccubbin, together with such members of the senate as they may think proper to nominate, or any three or more of the said persons so nominated, be a committee, in the recess of assembly, to enquire and report to the next session of the general assembly, how far the persons, to whom money hath been advanced for the above purposes, have complied with the terms on which the said several sums were advanced. That the said committee inspect and examine the accounts and proceedings of the auditor-general, and to see that the same be properly posted and entered up; also the accounts of the late and present commissary of stores and commissioners of the loan-office. That they call on the council of safety, and also on the governor and council, for a sight of their journals and other proceedings, and also for an account of the disposition and loan of all public monies advanced to them by the late conventions, general assembly, council of safety, or by order of the governor and council, to render an account thereof; and in general, that they, or any three or more of them, have full power to enquire into the expenditure of all public monies, and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records, and that they make report of their proceedings to the next session of the general assembly; that they have power to employ a clerk and doorkeeper, and be allowed their reasonable expences whilst at Annapolis, and in going and coming thereto.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The bill, entitled, an act to enlarge the powers of Ariana Ross, executrix of doctor David Ross, deceased, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by Joseph Nicholson, Esq;