

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

The petition of Henry Stevenson, sheriff of Baltimore county, and the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the treble tax, were severally read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by Brice T. B. Worthington, Esq;

On progression in the second reading of the bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, it was proposed as an amendment, that the fine imposed by the bill on persons purchasing wheat, flour, Indian corn, rice, bread, &c. should be "not exceeding ten thousand pounds," instead of ten thousand pounds, as it now stands in the bill. Carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Honourable Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; president, honourable Brice T. B. Worthington, Richard Barnes, Joseph Sim, and Upton Sheredine, Esquires.

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Honourable Matthew Tilghman, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and William Hindman, Esquires.

The bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendments. In the fifth line of the sixteenth page after the word "paying," strike out the words "not exceeding one half of." In the thirteenth line of the seventeenth page, between the words "account" and "of" insert the words "on oath." In the sixth line of the eighteenth page, strike out the word "tenth" and insert "first," and the word "January" and insert "February."

The bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees, was read the second time and will pass.

The said bills were sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;  
The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs J. Hall and Key, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 17, 1779.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered your several amendments to our bill relating to the estates of deceased persons. We have agreed to all your amendments except the last, relative to the power we proposed to give to the orphans court or the chancellor, where provision may be made by will, testament or deed, for the support of widows and orphans, to make a further allowance out of the estates, where the provision intended has become insufficient. We have not agreed to your other amendments from any conviction of their propriety, but from a belief that the bill amended contains useful and beneficial regulations, and may prevent some of the injuries and inconveniences intended to be remedied. Your last amendment is wholly inadmissible, and if the cries of the fatherless and widows cannot prevail on your honours to recede from that amendment, we have no hopes that any thing we can say will have that effect. Our house have unanimously determined not to adopt your amendment to that clause, and if you are equally clear in not departing, the other clauses of the bill may be enacted into a law, leaving that, with other things, to the consideration of a future day; should you depart from your amendment, the clause as it stood in our bill may remain part of the law.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

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

Messieurs M. Mechen and Alexander, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act to empower Thomas Harrison to lay out anew and amend the streets, lanes and alleys, of that part of Baltimore-town commonly called the Marshy Ground, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1779: Read the first and second times by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

Messieurs Worthington and Maccubbin, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Joseph Cowman of Anne-Arundel county, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 17, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

" By the house of delegates, December 17, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

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