

T U E S D A Y, December 28, 1779.

**T**HE senate met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Messieurs Lethbrury and J. Henry, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 7, 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 26, 1779: Committed for amendments.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

" By the house of delegates, December 27, 1779: Read with the amendments and will pass.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

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

Messieurs Deye and Quynn, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the governor and council, thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 28, 1779: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del."

The bill, entitled, An act for the assessment of property within this state, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

The engrossed bill No. 34 was read and assented to.

The senate adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

Messieurs Jordan and Birkhead, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1779.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered your amendments to the bill for calling out of circulation certain bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly. We have agreed to strike out of the bill those parts which relate to the calling out of circulation the emissions of November 1769, and November 1773. We are in hopes of your assent at the next session to a bill for that purpose, and have no doubt of explaining to your satisfaction, the reason and policy of the measure. As no immediate ill consequence can probably arise to the public from the delay, we agree to refer the further consideration of the subject to the next session.

We are very anxious to obtain your honours assent to that part of our bill which calls out of circulation the emission of November, 1766, and have agreed to the several amendments proposed on that head, except the time appointed after which that emission shall not be redeemed, and your provision, that the endorser of the bills drawn shall not be answerable; and wish your honours to reconsider those amendments.

We think the first of June will be sufficient time for the holders of the bills to bring them in. We are satisfied, the far greater part of the bills are in the hands of the disaffected in this and the neighbouring states. If the time be extended to the first of September next, they will then probably be able to form a judgment of the continuance or event of the war, and the election of that time may be against, but cannot possibly be for, the interest of this state. We are informed the states of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania did not allow above four months for calling out of circulation the emissions under their old government.

We cannot discover why an endorser should not be liable; if he inclines to be exempt from any damage, he may make his endorsement on that condition, but it will certainly add to the credit of the bills and promote their sale, if he may be liable and should so elect. We do not esteem this matter essential, and if your honours adhere to that amendment, it will not prevent the passage of the bill.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Messieurs Quynn and Read, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 28, 1779.

RESOLVED, That the recruiting officers belonging to the Maryland line, who were sent from camp at the request of the governor and council last spring, have their reasonable expences allowed them while on that duty, and that the auditor-general be empowered to audit, adjust, and pass the said accounts.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

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