

The bill to invest the United States in Congress assembled, with a power to levy, for the use of the United States, certain duties on imported foreign goods, wares, and merchandises, as a fund for the payment of the debt contracted by congress during the late war, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the same do pass: The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

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

Honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; president, honourable John Henry, James M^cHenry, Richard Barnes, William Hindman, Benedict E. Hall, and Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

John Smith, Esq;

Determined in the affirmative, and, with the above letter from his excellency the Governor and resolution of congress, sent to the house of delegates by William Hindman, Esq;

Messieurs Chew and Job, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the bill respecting finance, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 30, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
" By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 31, 1783.

Whereas in the fifty-first article of the form of government it is declared, "that there be two registers of the land-office, one on the western and one on the eastern shore; that short extracts of the grants and certificates of the land on the western and eastern shores respectively, be made in separate books, at the public expence, and deposited in the offices of the said registers, in such manner as shall hereafter be provided by the general assembly:" and whereas it is the wish of this general assembly, to make every necessary convenience and provision for the eastern shore of this state: Therefore, RESOLVED, That the governor and the council be requested to appoint a fit and proper person or persons, to make extracts of all grants and certificates relative to the lands on the eastern shore of this state, and cause the same to be examined and compared with the original grants and certificates of the lands aforesaid, and have the same transmitted to the register of the land-office on the eastern shore; and that all expences arising in virtue of this resolve be defrayed out of the public treasury.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Also a bill, entitled, An act to naturalize Thomas Walley, son of Zedekiah Walley, and to make provision for the maintenance and education of the said Thomas Walley, and Maria Grason, daughter of Thomas Grason—a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the probate of wills in the county where the witnesses reside—and a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the act, entitled, An act empowering trustees to rent the poor-house in Frederick county—severally endorsed;

" By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
" By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Which bills were severally read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The bill to relieve certain purchasers of confiscated property, was read the second time by especial order, passed, and, with the above bills, sent to the house of delegates by Benedict E. Hall, Esq;

Messieurs Seney and Sewell, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 22 and 23, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed;

" By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read and assented to.
" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Also the bill for the relief of Robert Long, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, May 30, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
" By the house of delegates, May 31, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Also the bill empowering the guardian mentioned in the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of John Cornthwaite, or any other guardian who may hereafter be appointed to John and Robert Cornthwaite, the infant sons of the said John Cornthwaite, to support, maintain, and educate, the said infants, out of the profits of the said John Cornthwaite's estate, until they