

this season of the year, and the risk many of them may run of being precluded from returning to them by an increased severity of the weather.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution respecting the purchasers of confiscated British property was read, and assented to with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. At the end of the resolution insert,

“ Provided that the interest due on the purchase money shall be paid on or before the first day of March next.

“ Provided also that all persons who were purchasers of any of the property sold as aforesaid, having certificates, shall have the interest due on the said certificates set off against the interest due to the state, to the amount of the interest on such certificates.

The yeas and nays being called for on the last proviso of the amendments, appeared as follow:

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

Honourable George Plater, John^r Smith, James M^r Henry, Richard Barnes, William Hindman, Samuel Hughes, William Perry, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; president.

Carried in the affirmative.

The senate adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The senate met.

*William Hindman, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1783.

Whereas there still remains a considerable quantity of confiscated British property unsold, and there is good reason to believe, from the scarcity of specie, that it will not sell for its full value, unless the several paper monies, and certificates issued by this state for monies due, are received in payment; therefore RESOLVED, That the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British property are hereby directed, before they proceed to the sale of any confiscated property whatever, to give six weeks notice in the Annapolis and Baltimore news-papers, that specie, the paper money commonly called continental state money, the paper money commonly called black money, and the paper money commonly called red money, and all certificates whatever, already liquidated, or which may hereafter be liquidated by this state, shall be received in payment of the said property so to be sold, on the same terms and conditions as directed by the several laws to that purpose. Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to direct the sale of any lands not heretofore ordered to be sold.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read and assented to.

Messieurs Plowden and Edwards, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills from No. 32 to 35 inclusive, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 25, 1783: Read and assented to.”

“By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

“The resolution respecting the purchasers of confiscated British property, and the resolution directing the commissioners respecting confiscated British property not sold, were sent to the house of delegates by Richard Barnes, Esq;”

The resolution respecting persons indebted for British and forfeited property who have just claims against the state, was read and assented to with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. In the second line of the preamble strike out from the word “state” to the word “place” inclusive in the third line of said preamble. In the second line from the bottom of the resolution strike out from the word “person” to the word “representative” inclusive.

Messieurs Harris and Roberts, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 30, 31, and 36, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 25, 1783: Read and assented to.”

“By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

And also the resolution directing the commissioners respecting confiscated British property not sold, endorsed; “By the house of delegates, December 25, 1783: Read and assented to.”

“By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Messieurs Steret and Grahame, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 25, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have assented to your first amendment to the resolution concerning the purchasers of British property, but cannot agree to adopt the second, with respect to allowing the interest due on