

Messieurs Seney and Roberts; from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the engrossed bills No. 40 and 41, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates; December 26, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the resolution directing the intendant to lay before the general assembly the different accounts, agreeably to the act, entitled, An act respecting finance, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 26, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the house of delegates; December 25, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

The following message was read, and the question being put, That the same be agreed to? The yeas and nays being called for appeared as follow:

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

Honourable George Plater, John Smith, James M^cHenry, 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, honourable Edward Lloyd, Esq; Carried in the affirmative, and sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esq;

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

THE principle of the amendment we had the honour to propose, went to receiving all debts due the state by any of its citizens, in discharge of all debts due by the state to its citizens, as we did not suppose it to be your intention to establish a preference between a soldier's, officer's, or citizens evidence, or certificate of a debt; as we could not think the obligation of an individual, or a state who gives a bond to pay it, lessened in any degree by a transfer of the bond; as we could not discover any line of distinction between one certificate and another, that would not violate the public faith, and be introductory of confusion and injustice; and as experience has discovered, that every preference or distinction heretofore made between one man's certificate and another's, has encouraged or produced depreciation. We therefore were led to propose the amendment; as a foundation or ground work for a general admission of all kinds of liquidated certificates in discharge of all debts due the state. If these reasons will not weigh with you at this time in favour of our amendment, we at least hope, that a more full and deliberate consideration of the subject, will bring both houses, at next session, to unite in some general plan for setting debts against credits, in such a manner as may relieve both the state and its citizens from their present embarrassments.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question being 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 George Plater, John Smith, James M^cHenry, Richard Barnes, William Perry, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; president, honourable William Hindman, Edward Lloyd, Samuel Hughes, Esquires.

Carried in the affirmative, and so endorsed.

Messieurs Hopper and Harwood, from the house of delegates, deliver to the president the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 26, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house is informed, by a letter from his Excellency the Governor, that by the resignation of several members of the council, that that body is reduced to a number not sufficient to constitute a board for transacting business. This house is therefore desirous to go into the appointment of three members, which are wanting to complete the number required by the constitution.

They have appointed Mr. Ridgely of William, and Mr. Harris, to join any members that may be named by your house to examine the ballot boxes.

Mr. Richard Sprigg, major John Davidson, Mr. Robert Smith, Mr. Horatio Belt, Mr. Samuel Turbutt Wright, and Mr. Charles Wallace, are nominated to be balloted for by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bills No. 38 and 39, were read and assented to.

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