

this objection to intimate an opinion upon the question, whether persons who may have contracted debts to British subjects before the war are compellable to pay interest during its continuance, this being a subject properly determinable by a judicial tribunal, which we ought not to attempt to influence by a legislative act, in a case where the power of the legislature may be questioned.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Thomas Stone, Esq; brings in and delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act enabling certain persons to take up the vacant land therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, March 11, 1786.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Faw, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 8, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

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

The bill, entitled, An act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanitaphorlts, of Amsterdam, merchants, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-six, and the bill to establish a supplementary fund to raise the sum of money required of this state by the resolve of congress of the eighteenth of April seventeen hundred and eighty-three, were read the second time, passed, and, with the bill enabling certain persons to take up the vacant land therein mentioned, were sent to the house of delegates by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq;

Mr. Adams, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills No. 64, 65, 66, 73, 74 and 75, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were severally thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: Read and assented to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Mr. Funk, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the engrossed bills No. 76, 77, 78 and 79, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the house of delegates, March 11, 1786: Read and assented to.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MARCH 11, 1786.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Charles Frederick Wiefenthal, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorized and directed to settle with, and adjust the whole accounts of, doctor Wiefenthal, and to allow him pay for the whole time he acted under his appointment from this state, thereout deducting the value of the continental money received by him from the director-general, amounting to £. 1013 5 0, of the real value of £. 279 4 3; specie, and £. 1522 7 7, paid him on a former settlement with the auditor-general, in pursuance of a resolve of the general assembly in December 1780, and that he allow doctor Wiefenthal the sum of £. 138 2 7, passed in his said former account, and also his account for medicine furnished the continental troops at Frederick-town, thereout deducting £. 40 red money, without any allowance for depreciation; and the said account, so liquidated and adjusted by the said auditor-general, shall be presented to the governor and council, and if passed by them, they are hereby requested to draw an order on the treasurer of the western shore, agreeably to the act of May session 1781, and the whole of the said account shall be charged to the United States.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion to take up the bill respecting executions against certain public debtors, Thomas Stone, Esq; begs leave to withdraw while the said bill is under the consideration of the senate; which was accordingly given.

The said bill was then read the second time, and will pass with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. Page 1. In the 8th line from the bottom, after the word "six," strike out to the word "and" in the beginning of the 4th line from the bottom. In the 2d line from the bottom, strike out "extremely." In the same line, after "prejudicial" strike out "if not totally ruinous." In the last line strike out "been able to pay," and insert "paid."

Page 2. In the 4th line strike out "tenth," and insert "twentieth." In the next line strike out "April next," and insert "this instant, March." After the word "treasurer" in the 4th line from the bottom, strike out to the word "shall" in the next line.

Page 3. After the word "court" in the 6th line from the bottom, strike out to the end of the page.

Page 5. Strike out from the word "and" in the 4th line, to the word "give" in the 2d line from the bottom, and insert "whereas it is unjust that the persons who have not complied with the terms of sale prescribed by the laws directing the sales of confiscated property, and have not yet bonded for the said property by them purchased, should be placed on a better footing than