

Worcester, and it appears to us grievous and oppressive that the citizens residing in these two counties should be compelled to give judgment to their creditors the first term, and if any creditor should be indebted to them, and residing in another county, no judgment can be obtained in less time than twelve months. There appears to us an intention in the laws as they now stand, that by one law a creditor should have it in his power to obtain judgment for any sum above ten pounds the first court, and for any debt under that sum he should be obliged to wait twelve months.—We have returned the Bill to your honours, and we are in hopes that on reconsideration, it will receive your assent.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Mr. Read, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchable tobacco, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 15, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
"By the house of delegates, December 19, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The senate resumed the consideration of the order of the day, and after a further hearing the counsel of the parties, the consideration thereof was postponed till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. The senate adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, December 20, 1788.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. The message respecting the bill to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation throughout this state; the message respecting the bill for repealing the third section of an act for the better administration of justice, &c. also the fourth section of an act for the advancement of justice; and the bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchable tobacco; were read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. F. Bowie, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 16, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 19, 1788: 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.
Mr. Ridgely, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 20, 1788.

RESOLVED, That all executions issued against, or served on, any of the debtors of the state, on bonds passed for state or continental state money, be countermanded, and that no executions issue against such debtors before the next session of assembly; and that all the said debtors for state and continental state money, be allowed to discharge the whole or any part of their debts respectively, in final settlements at the rate stipulated by the resolution of April session, 1787, provided they pay all legal costs that have accrued on or before the first day of May next; and, in case of default by any of the said debtors, executions shall issue for the balance due.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Hollyday, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 13, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 20, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.
Mr. Murray, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, December 20, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the naval officer of the fourth naval district be directed to allow to Benjamin Laming the drawback on five thousand four hundred and eighty-eight gallons of rum exported in the schooner William, Richard Johns, master, the twelfth of October, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven.
RESOLVED, That the naval officer of the fourth district be directed to allow to John Sterrett and Co. the drawback on goods exported by them in the schooner Friendship, the sloop Berkey, and brigantine Antelope, amounting to one hundred and seventy-six pounds four shillings and eight pence, and to deduct the said amount from any bonds of John Sterrett and Co. or Samuel Sterrett, which remain unpaid in the said naval office for goods imported into this state, the certificates of the landing and entry of the imported goods in New-York and Charles-town being previously lodged with the said naval officer.
By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.
Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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