

The bill, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes, was read the second time by especial order, passed with the proposed amendments, and sent to the house of delegates by Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire.

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "property," in the 10th line of the 1st page, to the word "according," in the 2d line from the bottom, and insert "at any time before the first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and to allow not exceeding one third of the value of such property to any person or persons having made such discovery." Strike out from the word "them," in the 5th line of the 3d page, to the end of the clause, and insert "respectively; provided nevertheless, that the said collector or collectors, or their securities, applying for relief, shall furnish to the governor and council a list, on oath or affirmation, as the case may be, of all persons in their respective counties or districts who are in arrears for the said taxes, and if it shall appear to the governor and council, that the said arrearages remain in the hands of the people, and that the said collector or collectors have used their best endeavours to collect the same, then, and in such case, the governor and council shall have full power and authority to suspend or countermand any execution or executions against such collector or collectors, and his or their securities, on his or their proving payment of one third part of all arrearages since the original execution or executions may have issued against them, and to suspend such execution or executions as aforesaid, on his or their payment of one other third part of such arrearages within the space of three months after his or their application for relief as aforesaid, and the remaining one third part of such arrearages within the space of three months thereafter; and he or they shall produce to the governor and council, at the time of such application, a receipt from the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, as the case may be, of their having paid the above respective portions of the said arrearages since the issuing of the said original execution or executions against them respectively, and before his or their application for relief as aforesaid." At the end of the bill insert "and the governor and council shall be and are hereby authorized and empowered to appoint one or more fit person or persons to sell and dispose of, to the best advantage, all property that may hereafter be purchased for the use of the state in virtue of this act, and to allow the person or persons so purchasing or selling as aforesaid on behalf of the state, such compensation as the governor and council may deem adequate for such services."

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Benjamin Rogers, of Baltimore county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, was read the second time and will not pass, and, with the above bill, sent to the house of delegates by James Carroll, Esquire.

Mr. Fraizer, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 18, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 21, 1788: Read the second time and will pass."

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1788.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized to issue to Luther Martin, Esquire, on account, a certificate for six hundred and seventy-five pounds current money, being the amount of his account for fees, exhibited this session to the committee of claims, but not passed upon, the said certificate to be receivable in all state taxes; provided, that the said Luther Martin, Esquire, lodge with the said treasurer, before the issuing of the said certificate, a copy of the said account.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized to issue to John Gwinn, Esquire, clerk of the general court for the western shore, on account, a certificate, payable in all state taxes, for such part of the account of the said John Gwinn for fees, as shall be certified by the committee of claims as proper to be allowed; provided, that the said John Gwinn lodge with the treasurer as aforesaid, a copy of the articles so allowed by the committee of claims; and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby required to receive the accounts of the said officers, and to charge the amount of their fees against the debtors to this state, in the suits against whom respectively the said fees became incurred, and to compel payment thereof, as well as the sums of money for which executions may issue on the judgments obtained against them.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the bill, entitled, A supplement to an act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, with the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE agree to all the amendments proposed by your house to the bill, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, except that which repeals the fifteenth section of the original act. We can see no good reason for transferring the powers, vested by that section in the criminal court of Baltimore county, to the commissioners of the town. If your honours should propose any amendment to oblige the criminal court to account for all receipts and expenditures in virtue of the powers granted by the said section, this house will readily receive it. We have returned the bill, in hopes the senate will recede from the amendment rejected by us.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Mr.