

The bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors of the tax since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

The bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government, was read the second time by especial order and will pass.

Which two last mentioned bills were, with the following message, sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esquire.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the collectors since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, and beg leave to suggest the propriety of originating a bill upon the principles of the one accompanying this message. The multiplicity of business thrown upon the governor and council by the instalment act, we apprehend will fully employ their attention and time. Under this persuasion, we think it most advisable to appoint a particular agent to superintend the collection of taxes due since January, 1783. The experience, industry and knowledge, of a single person, whose whole care and attention will be directed and confined to this one object, bid fairest to devise the best measures for ensuring, with the least oppression to the people, the collection of the taxes. The industry which captain William Campbell used in collecting the taxes in this county, and the success which has attended his industry, have induced us to point him out to you as a very fit person to be the agent. Our extreme anxiety to close the session this forenoon, must be our apology for taking the liberty of proposing this plan, instead of the bill returned with our negative.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Mr. Lowes, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president the bill, entitled, An act to prevent insufficient securities in bonds given on obtaining writs of error, and to give a more speedy recovery against the principal and securities in bonds given on obtaining such writs, and upon appeals, endorsed; "By the house of delegates, December 24, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 25, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk."

Also the following resolutions:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

RESOLVED, That the auditor be and he is hereby directed to examine the musters of the Maryland line, and other documents that may be offered to him, and make out, in the name of each person, the amount of pay that may appear to be due him for his services in the late continental army, and upon the same being admitted by the United States, to issue a certificate or certificates as heretofore directed in like cases to the persons entitled thereto.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

Whereas it is just and right to allow to James O'Brion, Esquire, collector of taxes for Queen-Anne's county for the year 1786, the sum taxed on insolvents in the said county, amounting to £. 49 6 4, which sum hath heretofore been paid by the said James O'Brion into the treasury; and it is also reasonable to allow him the difference between four and six per cent. on the collection of the two shillings and six-penny fund tax for the year 1787, amounting to £. 13 19 3, which difference hath likewise been paid by the said James O'Brion into the treasury; therefore RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore is hereby authorized and directed to pay unto James O'Brion, Esquire, the sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and four-pence current money, and issue a certificate to the said James O'Brion for the sum of thirteen pounds nineteen shillings and three-pence; receivable for the two shillings and six-penny tax; provided, that if the said James O'Brion is now indebted to the state on any other account, that the above sums shall be discounted in the settlement of the same.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

And also the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have acceded to your amendments to the bill, entitled, An act respecting the debtors and creditors of this state under the act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon; at the same time it is our duty to inform you, that we should have rejected them, on the ground of their being a violation of the constitutional privileges of this house, notwithstanding the expediency of the bill, and the session being so near an end, had not the most essential been previously agreed to by us in the form of resolutions; but as even this concession of our power may hereafter be brought into precedent in cases of a more important nature, we hereby declare, that the permitting our resolutions to be ingrafted into the bill as amendments, shall not extend to the prejudice of the privilege of this house, and shall not be drawn into example.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution in favour of James O'Brion, Esquire, was read the first and second time by especial order and dissented to.

Mr.