

30 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1790.

“By the house of delegates, December 10, 1790: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

“By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.”

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
And also the following resolution:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 10, 1790.

Whereas, by an act of assembly passed at the session of November, 1788, and a supplement thereto passed at the session of November, 1789, certain purchasers of confiscated property were allowed to discharge their respective bonds, passed to the state for their respective purchases, by paying, in depreciation, or other liquidated certificates, at the rate of fifteen pounds for every hundred acres of land, provided they should, by the 20th day of March, 1790, make appear to the satisfaction of the chancellor, that they were in possession of their respective parts, under a title derived from the proprietor or proprietors of Pennsylvania, and should thereon obtain a direction from the chancellor to the treasurer of the western shore to deliver up their bonds, on payment as aforesaid: And whereas a certain Alexander Wilson did purchase of the then intendant of the revenue a tract of land called Mountjoy, containing 141 acres, and a certain William Pearce did purchase of the said intendant a tract called Pearce's Lot, containing 108 acres, and a certain Joseph Thomas did likewise purchase of the intendant a tract called Joseph Thomas's Land, containing 71½ acres: And whereas it appears, from the certificate of the chancellor, that the said Alexander Wilson and William Pearce, and the heirs of Joseph Thomas, did, on the 23d day of April last, prove to his satisfaction, their respective peaceable possessions in the aforesaid tracts of land, under titles derived mediately from Pennsylvania, and that the said tracts are parts of the land called the Welch Tract, and that the certificates of the said tracts had been presented to him on the 19th or 20th day of last March, but the person who brought them did not produce proof of the holders peaceable possession and title as aforesaid, although he brought money, and lodged the same in the treasury to make payment agreeably to the aforesaid acts of assembly: And whereas it appears further, by the certificate of the treasurer of the western shore, that the said Alexander Wilson and William Pearce, and the heirs of Joseph Thomas, did all pay for their respective land at the rate aforesaid, before the 20th day of March, 1790: And whereas it appears unreasonable that they should suffer from an inattention or neglect of their agent, from which the state hath sustained no loss; RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore deliver up to the said Alexander Wilson, William Pearce, and the heirs of the said Joseph Thomas, respectively, the bonds passed to the state on account of the purchase of the aforesaid several tracts of land, they paying all costs and charges of suit, if any suit has been instituted.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

Agreeably to the order of the day, the senate assumed the consideration of the bill, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and on the second reading of the said bill, and in considering the second section of the third page thereof, it was moved, that so much of the said section as confined the residence of the chief justice to the district, and which directed two associate justices to be commissioned for each county in a district, should be struck out, in order to introduce an amendment which should enable the governor and council to commission a chief justice residing in the state for each district, and two associate justices residing in a district for such district, and the question was put, That the said proposition be agreed to? And the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

The honourable John Henry, Charles Carroll, Richard Ridgely, Nicholas Hammond, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable George Plater, Esquire, president, the honourable George Gale, William Hemsley, William Perry, and John Smith, Esquires.

And the senate being equally divided, the question was lost.

On further progression in reading the said bill, it was moved to strike out so much thereof as directed the salaries of the chief justices to be levied on the respective counties, in order to introduce an amendment which should make the said salaries payable out of the public treasury quarterly, and the question was put, That the said proposition be agreed to? And the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

The honourable John Henry, Richard Ridgely, Nicholas Hammond, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

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The honourable George Plater, Esquire, president, the honourable George Gale, Charles Carroll, William Hemsley, William Perry, and John Smith, Esquires.

So it was determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, it was moved to strike out the clause for licensing attorneys, and imposing a tax of three pounds by the year for their admission; and the question was put, That the proposition be agreed to? And the yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

The honourable John Henry, Charles Carroll, Richard Ridgely, Nicholas Hammond, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

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