

state, shall take the oath of fidelity and allegiance to this state, and repeat and sign a declaration of his belief in the christian religion."

Add to the bill the following clause: "And be it enacted, That the general and county courts within this state, shall at all and every of their courts, give this act in charge to the grand juries of their respective courts."

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

The amendments being read, ORDERED, That the same be taken into consideration at the meeting of the house this afternoon.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Parran appeared in the house.

The house taking into consideration the amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to punish certain crimes, &c. unanimously rejected the first and second amendments, agree to the third, and reject the fourth.

The house agree to that part of the fifth amendment which relates to striking out the appointment and powers of the committees of observation, and that part which invests the governor (with the advice of the council) with particular powers, and directs a suspension of the *habeas corpus* in case of invasion, and reject the remainder.

The house agree to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh amendments.

The question was put, That the house agree to the twelfth amendment, which is as follows: "After the word 'law' in the 15th line of the 13th page, strike out all the remaining part of the clause which follows in these words," "or he may discharge him on paying two dollars to the person who shall apprehend him, and twelve ninetieths of a dollar for every mile from the place he shall be taken, to the house of the judge, justice, or member of the committee, or such judge, justice, or member of committee, may commit such person till payment, but if discharged he shall give such person a pass;" "and insert the following:" "and if not an offender, or dangerous as aforesaid, the said judge or justice may discharge him, and give him a pass?" Carried in the negative.

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

Messieurs	Read, Jordan, Galloway, Allein, Parran,	Somervill, Turner, Ennalls, Deye, Ridgely,	Stevenson, Shepherd, Veazy, O. Sprigg, Magruder,	Gibson, Chaille, Bishop, Mitchell,	J. Bond, T. Bond, Archer, Douglass,	Dickinson, Smith, Williams, Wootton.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ford, Lethrbury, Perkins, Maxwell, Tillard, Hammond,	Hall, M'Pherson, Jackson, Maddox, Polk, Henry,	Smoot, R. Bond, Ewing, Bowie, Crauford,	S. Chase, Brice, Benson, Kent, Bruff,	Wright, Edelen, Sheredine, Smithson, Downes,	Mason, J. T. Chase, Schnebely, Crabb, Burgess.
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The house reject the thirteenth amendment, agree to the fourteenth, unanimously reject the fifteenth, and agree to the sixteenth.

ORDERED, That a message be prepared to the senate acquainting them of the determinations of this house upon the said amendments.

ORDERED, That Mr. S. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. J. T. Chase, Mr. Sheredine, Mr. Wootton, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 24, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 9, 1777: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments herewith sent.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, &c.

In the 6th line of the first page, strike out the words "the pernicious artifices of the enemies of American liberty" and insert the following, "every artifice."

In the 11th line of the same page, instead of the word "March" insert the word "April."

The same alteration in the 10th line of the 2d page.

In the third line from the bottom of the same page, after the word "aforesaid," insert the following, "provided such tender shall not be less than one fourth part of the debt due."

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