

**VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1777. 87**

The bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

In progression, on a second reading the bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the act for the preservation of the breed of fish be continued for seven years? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messieurs	Read, Jordan, Lethbrury, Hall,	Galloway, Jackson, Ennalls, Maddox,	Shepherd, R. Bond, S. Chase, Brice,	Benson, Banning, Bordley, Chaille,	Bishop, Edelea, Sheredine, Downes,	Mason, Dickinson, J. T. Chase, Burgess.
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**N E G A T I V E.**

Messieurs	Perkins, Maxwell, Allein, Polk,	Smoot, Deye, Stevenson,	Veazy, Ewing, Magruder,	Kent, Bruff, Wright,	J. Bond, F. Bond, Archer,	Smithson, Smith, Williams.
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The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Bordley and Mr. Read. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

On a second reading the report on the memorial of Messieurs Buchanan and Cummins, ORDERED, That the same be referred to the board of auditors, with full power to make such further allowance to the memorialists as they shall think just and reasonable.

RESOLVED, That the governor, with the advice of the council, have power and authority to contract with any person or persons to furnish rations or provisions, either at a certain price for the ration, or by allowing an adequate reward for the trouble such contractor may be at in procuring and furnishing such provisions, for the continental troops while in this state, and the artillery companies, and other troops in the pay and service of this state, for the particular defence thereof. And that the same may be done on the most reasonable terms, the governor be requested to give public notice by advertisement continued three weeks successively in the several news-papers of this state, and by such other means as he, with the advice of the council, may think most expedient, in order that every person inclined to furnish rations and provisions may make their application, and lay their terms before the governor and council.

That the governor, with the advice of the council, be requested to instruct the contractor or contractors aforesaid, to keep distinct and separate accounts of the provisions or rations furnished the troops in the pay of of the continent, and this state, and lay the same before them at such times and places as the said contractor may be directed.

On reading and considering the petition of Robert Long, respecting an appeal prosecuted by William Pellett and company against the said Robert Long in the high court of appeals, RESOLVED, That the said appeal, from the peculiar circumstances of the case, shall not abate by the death of either of the parties, but that a determination of said appeal may be had, and judgment rendered, and all process issue, as if both parties were living, without any regard to the death of either party; and if such death should happen either before or after judgment in the court of appeals, such death shall not be taken advantage of, or be pleadable by the security on said appeal.

The foregoing resolves sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Mason.

The memorial of Reuben Meriwether was read and referred till next session of assembly.

On reading a letter from his excellency the governor relative to William Carter, RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this house, that the said William Carter is entitled to pay until the time of his being released from captivity, and further for a reasonable time in which he might have returned to his place of residence; and that the same rule ought to be observed in all similar cases.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the several resolutions of this house respecting the salary of the governor and other civil officers, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 14, 1777: Read and concurred with.

"By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

Mr. Smith brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning duties, which was read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Veazy and Mr. Smith. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.