

On reading a second time the report, from the committee, appointed to examine the accounts and proceedings of the commissioners of the loan-office, RESOLVED, That Mr. Brice, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Kent, be appointed to join one or more members of the senate, in the recess of assembly, and that any two or more of them have full power and authority to examine the state and condition of the public loan-office, and make report thereupon to the next general assembly; and also have full power and authority to take said office, together with all the money therein, and also all the bonds, books and papers, and all other things belonging to said office, out of the possession of the present commissioners, and deliver the same over to the commissioners appointed by the house of delegates, on their giving bond with good security, to be approved of by the governor and council, in the penal sum of five thousand pounds currency, payable to this state, conditioned for the observance and faithful discharge of the trust reposed in them; And the said commissioners shall respectively qualify themselves by taking the oath of allegiance and fidelity to this state, and signing a declaration of their belief in the christian religion, and also take the following oath, to wit. I, A. B. do swear, that I will, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully, impartially, and truly demean myself in the discharge of the trust committed to me by the house of delegates, as one of the commissioners of the loan-office, so that none may be delayed or prejudiced by my consent, privity or procurement. So help me God.

And further, that the said commissioners may appoint their clerk, who shall give bond with good security, to be approved of as aforesaid, in the penal sum of fifteen hundred pounds currency, payable to this state, with condition for his faithful and honest discharge of his duty of clerk, and his keeping true, fair, and regular accounts and entries of the proceedings of the said commissioners; and shall also take the oath of fidelity and allegiance to this state, and sign a declaration of his belief in the christian religion, and shall also take the following oath, to wit. I, A. B. do swear, that I will truly and faithfully perform and execute the office and duty of clerk of the commissioners of the loan-office, and will keep a just and true account of all bills of credit which shall be issued and paid out of the said office, and the names of those to whom the same shall be paid and delivered, and all other necessary accounts relating to the said bills of credit, and true entry make of all other proceedings and transactions of the said commissioners, without any fraudulent practice whatsoever. So help me God.

And the said commissioners appointed by the house of delegates, shall thereupon proceed to business, and shall have the same power and authority as the commissioners of the loan-office heretofore had under the acts of assembly of Maryland, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Sent to the senate for their concurrence by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Mason has leave of absence.

The house took into consideration the message received this day from the senate by Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; and on motion, the question was put, That the amendment proposed by the senate to the clause inflicting a punishment on persons who persuade and entice to return to dependency, or to own allegiance, &c. be rejected? Carried in the negative.

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

Messrs. Lethbrury, Hall,	Galloway, Polk,	Smoot, S. Chase,	Brice, Benson,	Williams, Wootton,	Crabb, Burgess.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs. Read, Jordan, Perkins, Maxwell, Allein, Turner, Jackson,	Maddox, Ennalls, Henry, Deye, Stevenson, Shepherd, R. Bond,	Veazy, Ewing, Craufurd, O. Sprigg, Magruder, Banning,	Kent, Bruff, Wright, Bordley, Chaille, Bishop,	Edelen, Sheredine, J. Bond, T. Bond, Archer, Smithson,	Downes, Douglass, Dickinson, Smith, J. T. Chase, Ridgely.

Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolves sent up this day by Mr. Ennalls and Mr. Brice, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 16, 1777. Read and concurred with: R. POTTS, cl. sen."

In progression on the message the question was put, That the house agree to strike that clause out of the bill which inflicts a punishment for the depreciation of our currency? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs. Perkins, Hall, Galloway, Turner, Jackson, Maddox,	Ennalls, Henry, Smoot, Shepherd, R. Bond, Veazy,	Craufurd, O Sprigg, Magruder, S. Chase, Brice,	Kent, Bruff, Wright, Bordley, Chaille,	Bishop, Edelen, J. Bond, T. Bond, Smithson,	Downes, Dickinson, Smith, J. T. Chase, Wootton.
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