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Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve sent up this day by Mr. Archer and Mr. J. Bond, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 18, 1777: Read and assented to.
By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act relating to the bills of credit passed at November session, 1766, thus endorsed; "By the senate, April 16, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
"By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen.

"By the senate, April 18, 1777: Read the second time and will pass with the amendments herewith sent.
By order, R. POTTS, cl. sen."

Amendments proposed by the senate.

Strike out from the word "and" in the 11th line of the 2d page, to the word "authorized" in the 14th line of the same page, inclusive, and insert the following: "And whereas by another act, entitled, An act for emitting bills of credit, and other purposes therein mentioned, passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis, on Friday the 17th day of November, and ended the 20th day of December, anno domini 1769, among other things it was enacted, That an office should be kept at Annapolis, under the management of two such persons, commissioners, who should reside in the city of Annapolis, to be nominated and appointed by the governor, or commander in chief for the time being, to carry the said act in execution: And also it was enacted, that the said commissioners, within the time appointed by the said first recited act should, and were thereby directed and required to receive and take in the said bills of credit, draw bills of exchange to the person or persons who should have possession thereof, on the trustees in London, and do and perform every thing that was directed by the said first recited act to be done by the said one commissioner; and the said trustees in London were thereby directed and required to accept and pay such bills, in the same manner as they were directed by the said recited act to accept and pay the bills of the commissioner appointed by the said first recited act, for the purpose aforesaid: And whereas two commissioners were appointed by the late governor, to execute the said act, who still remain within this state: And whereas this general assembly are desirous of complying with the public faith and credit to the holders of the said bills; Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the said commissioners, appointed by the late governor of Maryland to carry into execution the said last recited act, shall have full power and authority, and are hereby required to draw bills of exchange, payable to the holders of the said bills of credit, for so much of the said bills of credit of the said emission in the year 1766, as are tendered by the holders of such bills, within the time prescribed by the said act first mentioned; and for doing this service there shall be paid to the said commissioners, and to their clerk, the same sum as was directed by the said first recited act, in bills drawn as by the same act is directed. And the governor of this state is hereby authorized to require the said commissioners to draw bills of exchange agreeable to the directions of the said first mentioned act. And if the said commissioners should remove from this state, die, or refuse to act, then the governor of this state shall, and is hereby authorized."

Strike out from the word "act" in the 17th line of the same page, to the word "governor" in the 18th line, inclusive, and insert the following: "Acts to the commissioners appointed to execute the said first recited act."

Strike out the words "the old government and" in the 4th line of the 3d page.

Strike out the word "present" in the 5th line of the same page.

Strike out from the word "that" in the 6th line of the same page, to the word "expressed" in the 9th line of the same page, inclusive, and insert the following: "That the possessors of the said bills of credit shall have their elections upon tendering the said bills within the time limited by the said first recited act, to receive bills of exchange drawn upon the trustees in England, agreeable to the directions of the same act."

Before the word "commissioners" in the 13th line of the 3d page, insert "commissioner or."
Strike out the word "not" in the same line and page.

Between the words "said" and "commissioner" in the 15th line of same page, insert the words "commissioners or."

Same insertion in the seventeenth line.

By order,

R. POTTS, cl. sen.

And the following message, to wit.

By the S E N A T E, April 18, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE are very desirous, with you, of complying with the public faith to the holders of the bills of credit emitted by act of assembly in the year 1766, as far as can be done in our present circumstances, and as we suppose bills of exchange drawn by the commissioners appointed under the act of 1769, who were empowered to carry into execution the act of 1766, will stand a better chance of being paid, than the draughts of any commissioners under our government, we cannot think this assembly would be justifiable in passing by those commissioners, if they will act in
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