

By the SENATE, June 27, 1777.

Amendments proposed to the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court.

In the seventh line of the first page, strike out the word "four" and all that follows to the end of the eighth line, and insert the following words, "three pounds sterling, five pounds common money, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco." In the last line of the third page, strike out the word "sixty" and insert the word "forty." At the end of the fifteenth line of the fourth page, strike out the words "shall and." After the word "may" in the sixteenth line of the same page, insert the words "in his discretion." Strike out the last line of the fourth page, and all that follows to the end of the nineteenth line of the seventh page. After the word "were" in the twentieth line of the same page, strike out all that follows to the word "the" in the following line. After the first line of the eighth page, insert the words "empowered and directed." Strike out the first clause in the tenth page. In the ninth line of the same page, strike out the word "sixty," and insert the words "at a certain day not exceeding forty." In the eleventh line of the same page, after the word "required," insert the words "upon application of the party." After the word "returns," in the same line, strike out all that follows to the word "and" in the thirteenth line of the same page. From the beginning of the last clause in the same page, strike out all that follows to the end of the same clause. From the word "more," in the sixth line from the bottom of the eleventh page, strike out all that follows to the end of the same page, and insert the following words, "and that neither of the parties shall be allowed in the costs for more than three witnesses." After the word "witnesses," in the first line of the twelfth page, strike out all that follows to the word "do" in the second line of the same page. After the word "witness," in the third line of the same page, strike out the words "freeholders, or other persons qualified as aforesaid." After the word "exceed," in the third line of the last page, strike out all that follows to the word "any" in the fifth line, and insert the following words, "three pounds sterling, five pounds common money, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco." In the eighth line of the same page, after the word "trespass," insert the word "or."

By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen.

Which amendments were read and ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Jackson and Mr. Douglass have leave of absence.

The amendments proposed by the senate to the bill, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, read and assented to, and the bill passed for engrossing.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the special appointment of inspectors, thus endorsed: "By the senate, June 27, 1777: "Read a first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

Mr. Lethbury from the committee appointed to enquire into the truth of the facts contained in the petition of Lewis Blaize Bellhomme, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to enquire into the facts set forth in the petition of Lewis Blaize Bellhomme, report, That James Williams and Philip Key sold a schooner called the St. John, burthen eighty tons, or thereabouts, to a certain Jean Conton, an agent for a certain Jean Collineau, a subject of the king of France: That since the sale and delivery of the said schooner by James Williams and Philip Key, to the agent of Jean Collineau, she was attached by, and is now in the custody of, Robertson Stevens, Esquire, sheriff of Dorchester county, at the suit of — Paul, by virtue of the said attachment.

Signed by order of the committee,

EDWARD FOX, clk.

Which being read a first and second time, leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of Jean Collineau, of Marseilles, in the kingdom of France.

Mr. Lethbury brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Jean Collineau, of Marseilles, in the kingdom of France; which was read a first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Allein and Mr. Downes. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the bill.

Thomas Stone, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, A supplement to the acts for assessment of property, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 27, 1777: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was read here and passed for engrossing.

The petition of Benjamin Benny, of Talbot county, was read and rejected.

Mr. Speaker