

only excepted) ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes for the support of government, according to his actual worth in real or personal property within this state; *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following rate or assessment shall be set on all property within the state (real or personal property belonging to the United States, to this state, or to any church, county, or parish, or to any public or county school, provisions necessary for the use and consumption of the family for one year, and wearing apparel, only excepted) according to the true and actual value thereof, to wit: Five shillings for every hundred pounds worth of property within the state, and in the same proportion for every greater or lesser sum, and the same rate shall be assessed, paid, collected, and levied, for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, in the manner by this act directed; and the true and actual value of all property within the state shall be ascertained in the manner following, to wit: Every assessor, appointed in virtue of this act, shall estimate all property within the state, at as much as the same would, in his judgment, sell for in ready money." And the question being put, was carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Sewell,	Harrison,	Stevenson,	Brice,	Fischer,	Smith,
	Thomas,	Dent,	C. Ridgely,	H. Goldsborough,	W. M. Beall,	Stainton,
	Mackall,	S. Hanson,	Veazey,	Gibson,	Key,	Hughes,
	Lloyd,	Digges,	Ward,	Brown,	Wilson,	Bayly,
	Wilmer,	Strawbridge,	Job,	Carmichael,	Bond,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Smeot,	Eyans,	Bordley,	Norris,	Crabb,
	Hall,	Eccleston,	Gantt,	Chaille,	M'Comas,	Burgefs.
	Maccubbin,	Deye,	Magrader,	J. Hanson,	Keene,	

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

Messieurs Maddux, Polk, Quynn, Chase, Sprigg.

Brice Thomas Beale Worthington, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prevent forestalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, thus endorsed, "By the senate, November 24, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.  
"By the senate, November 28, 1778: Read the second time and passed with the proposed amendments."

"By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."  
Amendments proposed. In the 11th line of the 2d page, after the word "state," insert "for the public use." In the 20th line of the 3d page, after the word "importer," insert, "shall refuse or neglect to sign such list as aforesaid." And between the words "or" and "purchaser," in the same line, insert the word "any." In the ninth line of the fifth page, after the word "vessel," insert, "to sell such ship or vessel at public sale." Strike out the word "or" after the word "vessel" in the same line, and insert "and for." Strike out the word "other" after the word "any" in the same line. After the end of the proviso, at the bottom of the same page, insert, "or of any inhabitant of this state to any lands or plantations belonging to such inhabitant, so that such goods, wares, and merchandizes, be used on the said land or plantations." Strike out from the word "force," in the last clause, to the word "to," and strike out the last line entirely. Which amendments were read and agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency Patrick Henry, Esq; governor of Virginia, to his excellency Thomas Johnson, Esq; governor of this state; which being read, is referred until Wednesday next, to be considered at the same time with the state of the navy, requisition of congress, and other papers relative thereto.

Thomas Jenings, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:  
By the S E N A T E, November 30, 1778.

Gentlemen,  
We have appointed Matthew Tilghman, Robert Goldsborough, Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Thomas Jenings, Esquires, a committee to meet a committee of your house to deliberate on the propositions respecting the confederation, contained in your resolves of the 28th instant. We do not entirely assent to the substance of all those propositions, but shall probably sooner come to a right understanding of this subject by considering it in a joint committee of both houses, who may also prepare the draught of a declaration relative to the confederation, and instructions to our delegates in congress.

By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.  
Which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.