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not being conveyed to several counties on the eastern shore, alleges, that he delivered them to the sheriff of Queen-Anne's county, and if indulged a few days, will produce said sheriff's receipt for them. Whereupon, he is allowed until Monday next to produce said receipt.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for establishing the mode of ordination of ministers of the church of England for the present, thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, November 23, 1779: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. S. Hanson hath leave of absence until Monday next.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 24, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr. S. Hanson. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The engrossed bill, No. 4, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Smoot and Mr. M'Gee.

Mr. Williamson appeared in the house. Mr. Keene hath leave of absence until Sunday next.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to consider and report the most effectual and proper ways and means to comply with the requisition of congress of the 6th of October last, beg leave to report, That they have maturely considered the subject matter referred to them, and have come to the following resolutions.

1st. That the assessment and tax under the late laws to raise the current supplies are unequal and unjust; that by the present system the holders of money are required to pay more than they ought, but by an evasion of the law they contribute very little to the public burthen; wherefore your committee are of opinion, that some mode be adopted to lay an equal tax on money, and to compel payment of such tax.

2d. That it is the opinion of the committee, that not less than a monthly tax of £. 3 on every £. 100 of property in this state would raise our quota of 15 million of dollars monthly, as required by congress, which for the 9 months would be £. 27 for every £. 100 of property.

3d. That it is impracticable to raise the sum of 14,220,000 dollars required by congress, as the quota of this state, in nine months (to wit, from the first of February to the first of October inclusive).

4th. That it is improper and imprudent to impose, and impracticable to raise, the whole of the above sum by a tax and assessment on property.

5th. That it is improper to impose, and impracticable to collect, the monthly tax as required by congress; because the late assessment laws require a revision, and an alteration as to the mode of assessing; because, from the dispersed situation of our people, a very great number of collectors must be employed, and the expence of collection thereby greatly increased; and because our monthly sum required is beyond the abilities of the people to pay.

6th. That the probable current expence of this government, from the 1st of January next until the first of January, 1782, will be very considerable.

7th. That the debt of this state may be estimated at about £. 915,892 6 9 common current money, as follows, to wit:

Emitted in bills of credit in the year 1766, on the credit of the bank stock in England belonging to this state, and to be redeemed by bills of exchange to be drawn on the trustees between the 25th of June and 25th of December, 1777	} currency.	£. 65,149 17 6
Appropriated to build the stadt-house, out of the bills of credit emitted in the year 1769, and to be sunk between the 10th of October, 1781, and the 10th of April, 1782, in bills of exchange or gold and silver	} sterling.	7,500 0 0
For payment of public claimants emitted in bills of credit in the year 1773, and to be sunk between the 10th of October, 1785, and the 10th of April, 1786, in bills of exchange or gold and silver	} 80,000 dollars.	
Received for principal and interest on bonds, and paid in to the state treasury in virtue of resolves	} sterling.	£. 42,198 3 2
Emitted by resolve of July convention, in the year 1775, and to be redeemed or sunk on or before the 1st of January, 1786	} currency.	100,000 0 0
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