

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779. 41

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled: An act for the relief of the reverend Thomas Brown, of Dorset county, and the reverend Joseph Messinger, of St. Mary's county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 13, 1779: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which was read and ordered to be engrossed.

And also the bill, entitled, An act to explain the several acts of assembly heretofore made relative to the enrollment of deeds, endorsed; "By the senate, November 25, 1779: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 13, 1779: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

The amendments proposed. Strike out the whole enacting clause, and insert, "Be it therefore enacted and declared, by the General Assembly of Maryland, that in all cases where the enrollment of deeds is directed by the law to be made within six months from the day of the date of the same deeds, the said months shall be deemed and taken, and are hereby declared to be calendar months." Which were read, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On a second reading the bill, entitled, An act for the more effectual preventing for-stalling and engrossing, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the question was put for striking out the following clause:

"Be it enacted, That if any person within this state shall buy within the same, any wheat, flour, rye, Indian corn, rice, bread, beef, pork, bacon, peas, beans, oats, or other dead victual, or fatted cattle or fatted hogs, or if any person within this state shall obtain or get into his hands, by buying, contracting, or promise taking, (other than by demise, grant, or lease of land, or in payment of debt heretofore contracted) any of the articles aforesaid, such person shall, for every offence, forfeit all the articles aforesaid which shall be so bought, or got into his possession, one half to the state, and the other half to the informer, and shall also be fined the sum of ten thousand pounds, and imprisoned one year."

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Deye, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Stricker, Burgess, Deye, Hammond, M'Comas.

N E G A T I V E.

Reed,	J. Hall,	Ward,	Quynn,	Dennis,	M'Mechin,
Mackall,	H. Ridgely,	Job,	Chase,	J. Hanson,	Alexander,
Graham,	Maccubbin,	E. Hall,	J. Henry,	Beatty,	Barnes,
Wilmer,	Williamson,	Dent,	M'Gee,	Gaunt,	Sprigg,
Lethbrury,	Freeland,	S. Hanson,	Bruff,	Cramphin,	Stull,
W. Stevenson,	Williams,	Banning,	Keene,	Bayly,	Arcner,
Worthington,	Dashiell,	Birkhead,			

So it was carried in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put for striking out the following clause:

"Be it therefore enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace in any county of this state, and he is hereby authorized and required, on his own knowledge, or on information on oath, that any person or persons have by them any wheat of the growth and produce of any of the preceding years, to issue his warrant, empowering any constable or other person to seize the same, for the use of the United States; and such justice of the peace shall forthwith call to his assistance two respectable and disinterested persons of the same county, and if they or the majority of them shall determine the said wheat to have been of the growth of any preceding year, such justice shall retain the said wheat so seized, and shall, as soon as may be, transmit a certificate from under his hand of the quantity of wheat so seized, to the governor and council, who shall cause the substance of such certificate to be entered on their proceedings, and the said justice shall have full power and authority to call on the sheriff of the county, or his deputy, to aid and assist him in carrying this law into execution; and the said justice shall, and he is hereby required, as soon as may be after such wheat shall be determined as aforesaid to be liable to seizure, to cause the same to be delivered to the commissary-general or quarter-master-general, or any of their deputies, he or they paying not exceeding one half of the current price, according to the quality of the grain, to the owner or person entitled to receive the same, on delivery; and if any of the grain aforesaid shall be mixed with grain of the growth of the present year, in such case the whole shall be liable to seizure; and if there shall be any diversity of opinion