

44 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1779.

On further progression in reading the bill for seizure of British property, the following was proposed as an amendment: "Whereas the people of this state have heretofore been compelled by the lords proprietary of Maryland, or the naval officers acting under their appointment and directions, to pay a duty of twelve-pence sterling per hoghead on all tobacco exported thereout, and the collection of that duty continued for upwards of forty years without any law to justify the same; and whereas the payment of quit-rent hath ceased throughout the United States, since the late happy revolution, and sound policy requires that the state of Maryland should not be distinguished from all others, and that the quit-rents should cease, as an equivalent for the money so unjustly exacted: *Be it therefore enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken, to subject the inhabitants of this state to the payment of quit-rent for the land they may have in possession, or be justly entitled unto, but that the same shall cease and be forever hereafter abolished, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding."

The question being put, and the yeas and nays called for by Mr. J. Hall, they appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Jordan,	Maccubbin,	Ward,	Magruder,	J. Hanson,	Hammond,
	Mackall,	Williamson,	Job,	M'Gee,	Beatty,	Alexander,
	Gresham,	Freeland,	E. Hall,	Ringgold,	Burgefs,	Barnes,
	Wilmer,	Williams,	S. Hanson,	Keene,	Cramphin,	Stull,
	Worthington,	Winder,	Banning,	Dennis,	Bayly,	M'Comas,
	J. Hall,	Dashiell,	Birkhead,	Stricker,	Deye,	Archer.
H. Ridgely,						

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Reed,	W. Stevenson,	Quynn,	Bruff,	M'Mechin,	Sprigg.
	Lethrbury,	Dent,	Chafe,	Gaunt,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following was proposed as a further amendment to the said bill:

"*And be it enacted*, That every person holding land in this state shall be answerable for and liable to pay such compensation, in lieu of and in full compensation of such quit-rent, as the general assembly shall direct."

The question being put, and the yeas and nays called for by Mr. Chafe, they appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Reed,	W. Stevenson,	Quynn,	Bruff,	M'Mechin,	Sprigg.
	Lethrbury,	Dent,	Chafe,	Gaunt,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Jordan,	Maccubbin,	Ward,	Magruder,	J. Hanson,	Hammond,
	Mackall,	Williamson,	Job,	M'Gee,	Beatty,	Alexander,
	Gresham,	Freeland,	E. Hall,	Ringgold,	Burgefs,	Barnes,
	Wilmer,	Williams,	S. Hanson,	Keene,	Cramphin,	Stull,
	Worthington,	Winder,	Banning,	Dennis,	Bayly,	M'Comas,
	J. Hall,	Dashiell,	Birkhead,	Stricker,	Deye,	Archer.
H. Ridgely,						

So it was carried in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, was committed for amendments.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 15, 1779.

THE house met. Present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The endorsement upon the several bills from the senate of yesterday, by Joseph Sim, Esq; were read, the amendments proposed agreed to, and the bills passed for engrossing.

ORDERED, That 180 copies of the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to make the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly and resolves of the late conventions, a legal tender in all cases, with the endorsements thereon, be immediately printed; and ten copies thereof sent to each of the counties in this state, and that the same be printed in the Maryland gazette and Baltimore advertiser.

The petition of sundry persons in Cecil county, respecting the court-house and prison, and the petition of sundry inhabitants of Cecil county, respecting the free-school, were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Jordan be added to the committee upon the inspection bill, &c.

Mr.