

late to the calling out of circulation the emissions of November, 1769, and November, 1773. We are in hopes of your assent, at the next session, to a bill for that purpose, and have no doubt of explaining to your satisfaction the reason and policy of the measure. As no immediate ill consequence can probably arise to the public from the delay, we agree to refer the further consideration of the subject to the next session.

We are very anxious to obtain your honours assent to that part of our bill which calls out of circulation the emission of November, 1766, and have agreed to the several amendments proposed on that head, except the time appointed after which that emission shall not be redeemed, and your provision, that the endorser of the bills drawn shall not be answerable; and wish your honours to reconsider those amendments.

We think the first of June will be sufficient time for the holders of the bills to bring them in. We are satisfied the far greater part of the bills are in the hands of the disaffected, in this and the neighbouring states. If the time be extended to the first of September next, they will then probably be able to form a judgment of the continuance or event of the war, and the election at that time may be against, but cannot possibly be for, the interest of this state. We are informed the states of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania did not allow above four months for calling out of circulation the emissions under their old government.

We cannot discover why an endorser should not be liable; if he inclines to be exempt from any damage, he may make his endorsement on that condition, but it will certainly add to the credit of the bills, and promote their sale, if he may be liable, and should so elect. We do not esteem this matter material, and, if your honours adhere to that amendment, it will not prevent the passage of the bill.

By order,

J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

The resolves respecting commodore Grafon, recruiting officers, registers, &c. sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Reed.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to report the contract entered into by the superintendants for building the stadt-house with Mr. Charles Wallace, and to enquire into and to report whether the contract hath been complied with by Mr. Wallace, and particularly whether the stadt-house is well secured from any damage from rain, and for what cause the roof of copper was taken off, and what has been done with the said copper; and further that the said committee enquire into and report whether the galleries have been erected agreeable to the contract made with Mr. Wallace.

THE committee have examined the stadt-house throughout, and are of opinion, that many parts thereof are finished with more elegance than was required by the contract, particularly the front door, great hall, and court, the senate house and house of assembly, the president's and speaker's seats, and the galleries. The other parts of the building appear to be done in a masterly and workmanlike manner, except the upper floor over the senate house, which is indifferent. The roof covered with cypress shingles, and are very good of that kind. That part of the dome being unshingled, the same appears to be receiving damage, and are of opinion the said part ought to be shingled and made secure. The repository for the proceedings of the court of appeals, and for the armoury, unfinished; a small part of the plaistering in the parapet unfinished; a door for the cellar, a trap-door on the roof, wanting; also about half the window-shutters (although put up) are unhung, and although the chimneys are finished, yet the marble jambs and slabs are wanting.

Your committee are informed by Mr. Wallace, the contractor, that the roof was covered with copper in 1774, which was blown off in September following by a storm, and so damaged and spoiled, as to render it unfit for further use, therefore sold by the contractor, as by his memorial will appear.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order.

NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read. And a petition of Charles Wallace, referred to in said report, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The report respecting stockings, &c. read the second time; ORDERED, That the governor and the council be requested to apply and forward the articles therein mentioned to the officers and soldiers of this state in the army; and this state will make compensation to the owners for the value.

The message from the senate, accompanying the confiscation bill, &c. read the second time, and ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Deye, Mr. Lethbrury, Mr. J. Henry, Mr. Key, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Burgess, do prepare a message in answer to the said message.

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