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The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. M'Meehan appeared as follow:

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

Members	Jordan,	J. Hall,	Winder,	Deye,	Dennis,	Keene,
	Mackall,	Maceubbin,	H. Henry,	Ward,	Stricker,	Alexander,
	Wilmer,	Finchugh,	Johns,	Job,	Gaunt,	Sprigg,
	Lethbury,	Freeland,	Birkhead,	Magruder,	M'Comas,	Chapline,
	W. Steventon,	Harrison,	J. Henry,	Chafe,	Norris,	Burgess,
	Worthington,	Dent,	Eccleston,	Earle,	Driver,	Bayly.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Reed, Digges, Quynn, M'Meehan.
So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Johns has leave of absence till Monday next.

A letter of excuse from Mr. John Beatty, for not attending agreeable to leave of absence, was laid before the house and read.

The house adjourns till Monday morning half past 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, April 24, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Ringgold, Mr. B. Hall, and Mr. Johns. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. H. Ridgely, Mr. B. Hall, and Mr. Johns, appeared in the house. Mr. Digges has leave of absence on account of indisposition.

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

By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report the most effectual means to raise the supplies for the current year, in pursuance of the late acts of congress.

YOUR committee have, in obedience to the honourable house, taken the said acts of congress and other papers referred to them into their consideration, and thereupon have agreed to report as followeth:

RESOLVED, That with regard to the 20,540,000 dollars, directed by congress to be brought into the continental treasury, and sunk or destroyed, the most eligible mode will be to make it the interest of the holders of the bills to bring the same into the treasury, by giving them six tenths of the bills to be emitted in pursuance of the act of congress, reserving the remaining four tenths for the use of congress, according to their recommendation.

RESOLVED, That ample funds be established by duties on exports and imports, and otherwise, as may be agreed on, for the purpose of ascertaining the payment of the new bills at the time recommended by congress for sinking the same, and that a pound rate be assessed annually at November session, to raise whatever may not be brought in by imports and other ways and means agreed on.

RESOLVED, That the articles of beef and tobacco be raised by a tax in kind, with an alternative to pay money at the rate specified by congress; that the tax be laid in tobacco, with the alternative to pay beef, or wheat or wheat flour, or money, at the difference of price settled by congress; and that the 10,000 barrels of flour or other surplus of flour be deducted from the above tax in kind. This tax to be collected in September next.

RESOLVED, That a pound rate of ten pounds currency in the hundred be assessed and rated on all property within this state, payable in the months of June and July next, and also a pound rate of ten pounds in the hundred to be collected in October and November next, for the purpose of paying off certificates issued for provisions to supply our army, and also to defray the contingent expences of our internal government.

RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this committee, the state of Maryland ought to preserve her faith inviolate upon every occasion, and more especially with regard to the certificates, and also the currency issued under acts of assembly or acts of convention, and that the same ought to be paid by taxes or otherwise, without any discount.

Your committee have also made divers estimates of expences, which they beg leave to lay before the honourable house, and submit the whole to their consideration.

Which was read with the following estimates: