

tender in all cases, and the force and operation thereof, so far as it empowers debtors to tender, pay, or discharge, debts contracted on or before the first day of July, 1776, or debts contracted for sterling money, or gold and silver, since the said day, be suspended until the first day of November next, and until the end of the next session of the general assembly which shall happen thereafter; and that in case suit be brought by any creditor to compel payment before the end of that session, or execution be issued on any judgment already obtained, continental or convention currency shall be deemed a legal tender, unless where such suit is brought to lie in the office for preventing the bar arising from the statute of limitations, or where any debtor is about to remove out of the state with his effects to defraud his creditor or creditors.

2dly. That the new bills to be emitted in pursuance of the late recommendation of congress, shall be a legal tender, in payment and discharge of any debt, covenant, rent, promise, contract, or agreement, and that every current money debt may be discharged at the sum expressed in the said bills, and every sterling debt at the exchange of £. 166 13 4 current money for one hundred pounds sterling; and that any person indebted may petition the chancellor or judges of the general court, who may in a summary way call on the creditor, or his executor, administrator, or assignee, or on the executor or administrator of the assignee, or the attorney in fact of such creditor, and by order compel him to receive the balance due, and to deliver up the mortgage, obligation, note of hand, or other evidence of the debt, promise, contract, or agreement; and where there are mutual debts, may cause one debt to be set against another; and the chancellor or judges may appoint their register or clerk, or other person, to state and adjust the claims, and to strike the balance; and the chancellor and judges may enforce obedience to their order, by attachment and commitment of the person refusing or neglecting to yield obedience, and if the money due has been tendered, and the creditor, his executor, administrator, or assignee, or the executor or administrator of the assignee, hath refused to accept the same, or kept out of the way to prevent a tender, the costs of the petition shall be allowed, and where any action is or shall be prosecuted on any mortgage, debt, covenant, contract, promise, or agreement, the defendant may bring the money into court, and thereupon the court shall proceed in a summary way, in the same manner as is above directed.

3dly. That a bill or clause for the suspension of the former law, with regard to tender, in manner above specified, shall precede or accompany the clause for making the new bills a legal tender, and be inserted in the same, or sent together in distinct bills.

All which is submitted to the honourable houses of assembly.

Signed by order,

J. CALLAHAN, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to increase the allowance to justices of the peace and jurymen. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Quynn, Mr. Keene, and Mr. Bayly, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hemsley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of certain nonjurors, thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 11, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, May 12, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

RESOLVED, That this house will, on to-morrow morning, at the sitting of the house, take into consideration the report from the conferees.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill relating to fines, forfeitures, and penalties, and to establish the allowance to witnesses, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 2, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

" By the senate, May 12, 1780: Read the second time and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The report on commodore Grafon's and Beriah Maybury's accounts was read the second time and concurred with.

The report of the commissioners for stating and settling the public accounts, relative to the Stadt-house, was read the second time, and referred for consideration to the next session of assembly.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Richard Colegate and John Colegate, thus endorsed; "By the senate, May 12, 1780: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

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