

On hearing and considering the excuse offered by Mr. Sprigg, for not attending on the day appointed for the meeting of the general assembly, the house accepted thereof.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to direct the continental treasurer to exchange the sum of fourteen thousand dollars in continental bills of credit, for the like sum of continental loan-office certificates; the certificates to be lodged in the treasury, and the money to be applied as the governor and council shall direct.

Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Hall and Mr. Craufurd.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said resolve, endorsed; "By the senate, June 27, 1780: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Upton Sheredine, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to procure recruits to complete the battalions of this state in the service of the United States, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, June 26, 1780: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, June 27, 1780: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On the second reading of the bill for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, the question was put, That the following be inserted as an amendment? "And, for preventing the great trouble and inconvenience of receiving quantities of tobacco loose and in parcels at the several warehouses in this state, Be it enacted, That any person or persons, bringing transfer tobacco in parcels to any warehouse in the following counties, viz. Saint Mary's, Kent, Anne-Arundel, Calvert, Talbot, Dorchester, Cecil, Queen-Anne's, Harford, Caroline, and Washington, shall be obliged to pay the inspector or inspectors at the rate of six per cent. for prizing the same, and the further sum of four per cent. for finding cask and nails; and where several persons may join in prizing their tobacco into one hoghead, it shall and may be lawful for the inspector to give as many transfer notes for the same as may be necessary, or shall be required, and shall keep a distinct book for the same; and the property of all such tobacco shall be vested in the inspector, to answer the demands of those who may bring in the transfer notes, and the inspector or inspectors shall deliver any hoghead of transfer tobacco they think proper, to the persons holding notes to the amount thereof." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Burgets appeared as follow:

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

Messrs Key,
Mackall,
Lethrbury,
Cadwalader,

Williamson,
Smith,
Eccleston,

Kirk,
Bruff,
Brown,

Earle,
Ringgold,
Chaille,

M'Comas,
Archer,
Norris,

M'Bryde,
M'Mechen,
Sprigg.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs Wilmer,
Worthington,
Maccubbin,
S. Hanson,

Deye,
Banning,
Winder,
Smoot,

Ward,
Job,
Lawson,
Craufurd,

B. Hall,
Magruder,
Quynn,

Driver,
Alexander,
Stull,

Burgets,
Cramphin,
Bayly.

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That if any of the warehouses herein after mentioned, or that shall be erected by virtue of this act, shall happen to be burnt or otherwise destroyed (except by the negligence of the inspector or inspectors) the tobacco thereby destroyed shall be made good, and repaid to the several persons injured, by an allowance in the public levy at the next session of assembly after such loss; and in case of such accident, no inspector or inspectors shall be sued or molested, by reason of any notes or receipts by them given, for any tobacco burnt in the said warehouses, but shall be altogether acquitted and discharged of and from the payment of the tobacco in such notes or receipts mentioned, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Norris appeared as follow:

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

Messrs Wilmer,
Lethrbury,
W. Stevenson,

Cadwalader,
Deye,
Banning,

Smoot,
Job,
Kirk,

Bruff,
Brown,
Earle,

M'Comas,
Archer,
Norris,

M'Mechen,
Alexander,
Stull.

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