

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, NOVEMBER 22, 1780.

GENTLEMEN,
THIS house have agreed to ballot for registers of wills in the respective counties mentioned in your message by Messieurs Whitely and Magruder, and have nominated Upton Sheredine and William Hemsley, Esquires, to meet the gentlemen appointed by your house in examination of the ballot boxes. No gentlemen are proposed by this house in addition to those mentioned by you.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 3, was read and assented to, and, with the paper bill thereof, sent to the senate by Mr. Houston and Mr. Dennis.

The house proceeded to ballot for registers of wills for Washington, Anne-Arundel, Worcester, and Montgomery counties, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that for Anne-Arundel county Mr. Thomas Gaffaway, for Washington county Mr. Thomas Belt, for Worcester county Mr. John Morris, and for Montgomery county, Mr. Samuel Turner, had a majority of ballots. Whereupon RESOLVED, That Mr. Thomas Gaffaway for Anne-Arundel county, Mr. Thomas Belt for Washington county, Mr. John Morris for Worcester county, and Mr. Samuel Turner for Montgomery county, be and are hereby declared registers of wills.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

By the COMMITTEE appointed to examine the returns of the commissioners of the tax from the several counties of this state, and make their report thereon.

YOUR committee, in pursuance of the order and direction of the honourable house, have enquired into the returns of the commissioners of the tax, and find, that from the papers returned from St. Mary's county for the year 1780, there appears to be a balance due the state from said county, on the five and ten pound tax, £. 16,134 3 5 $\frac{3}{4}$; and that the said balance appears to be due from the following collectors, viz. Athanasius Ford, £. 4297 5 1; Clement Briscoe, £. 1986 11 11; Ignatius Craycroft, £. 5628 15 1; Philip Fenwick, £. 1866 2 4 $\frac{3}{4}$; John Reeder, jun. £. 2355 9; that no returns appear from said county for the tobacco tax, but that there appears to have been paid into the treasury by Zachariah Forrest, sheriff for said county, 157684 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of tobacco.

That from the returns of the commissioners for Calvert county it appears, that the five pound tax has been fully paid, and that no return appears from said county for the ten pound or tobacco tax.

That from the returns of the commissioners for Charles county, on the five pound tax, a balance of £. 35,822 14 8 appears to be due from Benjamin Cawood, jun. collector of said county; and that no returns appear from said county for the ten pound or tobacco tax.

That from the returns of the commissioners for Prince-George's county it appears, that the five pound tax hath been fully paid, and that there appears to be due from Thomas Williams, sheriff of said county, on the ten pound tax, the balance of £. 41,174 17 8; and that no return appears to have been made from said county for the tobacco tax, but that the said sheriff hath paid into the treasury the quantity of 184,873 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of tobacco.

That no returns appear from the commissioners of Anne-Arundel county, either for the five pound, ten pound, or tobacco tax, but that Thomas Harwood, sheriff of said county, hath paid into the treasury the sum of £. 124,960 10 10, and the quantity of 318,458 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of tobacco.

That from the return of the commissioners of Baltimore county, for the five pound tax there appears to be a balance due to the state from Joseph Baxter, collector of said county, of £. 41,335 14 9 $\frac{1}{4}$; and that there appears to be no return of the ten pound or tobacco tax; but that there appears to have been paid into the treasury, by the several collectors of the said county, the following sums of money and tobacco, viz. By Job Garretson, £. 10,748 14 8, and 53,690 pounds of tobacco; by William Cromwell, £. 9,038 3 8, and 21,636 pounds of tobacco; by Jacob Lemmon, £. 5,085 2, and 13,551 pounds of tobacco; by Charles Ridgely, £. 4,913 16 4, and 26,663 pounds of tobacco; by Joshua Cockey, £. 18,066 16 6, and 43,372 pounds of tobacco; by Elijah Merryman, £. 2,505 15 8, and 11,121 pounds of tobacco; by Edmond Stansbury, 449 pounds of tobacco; by John Murray, £. 7 10, and 21 pounds of tobacco; by Thomas Rutter, £. 6,010, and 15,070 pounds of tobacco; by William M'Laughlin, £. 51,411 0 6, and 144,567 pounds of tobacco; and by Richard Owings, £. 6,237 12 2, and 21,590 pounds of tobacco.

That from the returns of the commissioners for Harford county it appears, that the five and ten pound tax have been fully paid, and that no return appears for the tobacco tax; but that James Horner, collector of said county, hath paid into the treasury the quantity of 54,922 pounds of tobacco.

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