

The bill to enable the sheriffs of this state to take recognizances of persons taken on criminal writs in offences less than felony, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Carried in the negative.

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

T H U R S D A Y, November 23, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hammond appeared in the house.

On a second reading of the bill for the seizure and confiscation of British property, &c. the question was put, That the following be struck out of the preamble? "And whereas the British navy, and other British armed vessels, have seized the property of the people of these states found on the high seas, which property, so seized, has been condemned: And whereas the British army, navy, and other armed vessels, acting under the authority of Great-Britain, have seized, in this and other of the United States, the negroes, grain, cattle, and other goods, of the people thereof, which property, so seized, they have carried off and appropriated, as they thought fit: And whereas the said British army, navy, and other armed vessels, have committed outrages and devastations upon the landed property of the people of this and other the United States, in laying waste their farms, destroying their crops, wantonly burning their houses, and setting fire to several considerable towns, and reducing them to ashes, by which destruction of the personal and landed property within the states, a great number of our fellow-citizens are now suffering the calamities necessarily arising from such conduct, repugnant to the law and practice of civilised nations: And whereas, by the declaration of independence, all political connection between Great-Britain and these states was dissolved, and the subjects of Great-Britain declared enemies in war and in peace friends: And whereas, by the law of nations, the subjects of Great-Britain, in their separate and collective capacity, are answerable not only for all expences incurred by this state in consequence of the war, but for any injury or damage sustained by any of the subjects of this state since the commencement of the war, and their property, wherever found, subject to seizure and confiscation." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chase appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Plowden, Cadwalader, Potts.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	W. Stevenson,	Freeland,	Jackson,	Craufurd,	Dennis,	M'Mechen,
	Wilmer,	Williamson,	Scott,	Duckett,	Morris,	Chapline,
	Hall,	Dent,	Shaw,	Magruder,	Dashiell,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Causin,	Ward,	Kent,	Houston,	Bayly,
	Maccubbin,	Deye,	Lawson,	Chase,	Norris,	Oneale,
	Brogden,	J. Stevenson,	Job,	Quynn,	Whitely,	Hungerford.
	L. Mackall,	Winder,	Kirk,			

So it was determined in the negative.

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

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

Messrs.	W. Stevenson,	Freeland,	Jackson,	Duckett,	Morris,	M'Mechen,
	Wilmer,	Williamson,	Scott,	Magruder,	Dashiell,	Chapline,
	Hall,	Dent,	Shaw,	Kent,	Houston,	Cramphin,
	Worthington,	Causin,	Ward,	Chase,	Potts,	Bayly,
	Maccubbin,	Deye,	Kirk,	Quynn,	Norris,	Oneale,
	Brogden,	J. Stevenson,	Craufurd,	Dennis,	Whitely,	Hungerford.
	L. Mackall,	Winder,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Plowden, Cadwalader, Hammond, Lawson, Job.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Deye and Mr. Quynn.

Mr. Causin has leave of absence until Tuesday week.

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

THE committee, appointed to take into consideration the petition of John, Zebulon, and Samuel Johnson, beg leave to report, that the petitioners have set forth in their petition, that they are of the society of the people called quakers, and are averse to the bearing of arms. Your committee