

On the second reading of the said bill by especial order, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted therein? "And be it enacted, That so much of the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, as relates to the indemnification by the public of the owner or owners of tobacco in public warehouses which may be destroyed, shall be and is hereby repealed and made null and void, any thing in the above recited act to the contrary notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

Mr. W. Stevenson, Lethrbury,	Ridgely, Kirk,	Kent, Beatty,	Taylor, Norris,	Alexander, M'Mechen,	Ja. Chapline, Barnes.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs Key, Cadwalader, Worthington, Brogden, Freeland, T. Gannt,	E. Johnson, Dent, Causin, Winder, Scott,	Shaw, Whitely, Ward, Job, Lawson,	Craufurd, Duckett, Magruder, Clagett, Quynn,	Morris, Dashiell, F. Gaunt, T. Johnson, Stainton,	Seth, Cramphin, Bayly, Oneale, Hungerford.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

T H U R S D A Y, June 14, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Stainton. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Plowden appeared in the house. The resolution of yesterday respecting persons confined on suspicion for treasonable practices, and the resolutions respecting George Vassant Mann, were sent to the senate by Mr. Giles and Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a bill, entitled, An act to adjust the debts due from this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Simon Nichols, collector of Montgomery county, setting forth, that an action is commenced against him for the assessment in the year 1780, which he was prevented from collecting by a variety of accidents, and praying relief, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Joseph Baxter, to consider and report thereon.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolutions sent up this morning by Mr. Giles and Mr. Taylor, endorsed; "By the senate June 14, 1781: "Read and assented to with the proposed amendments.

Amendments proposed. After the word "practices" in the fifth line, insert "except those whose going at large the governor and council may think dangerous to the state." In the same line strike out "should," and insert "shall." After the word "letter" in the eighth line, insert "except as aforesaid," and strike out "should" and insert "shall." At the end of the first resolve insert "RESOLVED, That the governor and council confine to such place or places as they may think proper, or commit to gaol, any of the said persons whose going at large they may have good reason to believe will be dangerous to this state, or the citizens thereof."

Which amendments were read the first and second time and agreed to.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The house being informed, by letter from the honourable speaker, that being much indisposed, he is unable to attend, proceeded to a new choice, and the honourable William Bruff, was elected.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petitions of Joseph Baxter, and others, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in said petitions, and find them to be true; that there appears a balance, by the treasurer's books, to be due from the said Joseph Baxter, of thirty-five thousand one hundred and sixty-three pounds thirteen shillings and two-pence continental currency, and that by the auditor-general's certificate, and sundry accounts exhibited to us, there appears to be two hundred and ninety-two pounds eight shillings in specie, due from the state to the said Joseph Baxter, for fees accruing to him on account of prisoners of war, deserters, and serving writs of outlawry.

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