

The bill to adjust the debts due from this state, was read with the amendments for which it had been committed and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Alexander.

The house proceeded on the second reading of the bill, entitled, An additional Supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, and the same being read throughout, the question was put, that the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Cramphin appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	W. Stevenon,	Ridgely,	Ward,	Quynn,	Taylor,	Alexander,
	Lethbury,	Lloyd,	Lawson,	Morris,	Norris,	M. Mechen,
	Cadwalader,	Winder,	Job,	Dashiell,	Giles,	Ja. Chapline,
	Brogden,	Scott,	Kirk,	T. Johnson,	Seth,	Barnes.
	Caulin,	Whitely,	Kent,	Beatty.		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Key,	Freeland,	Stone,	Magruder,	Cramphin,	Oneale,
	Plowden,	E. Johnson,	Craufurd,	Clagett,	Bayly,	Hungerford.
	Maccubbin,	Dent,	Duckett,	Chafe,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate by Mr. Giles and Mr. Beatty.

Mr. Caulin, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:
By the COMMITTEE appointed to consider and report upon the returns made from the commissioners of the tax for the several counties.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they find, by a proviso in the act to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, the commissioners of the tax are empowered to suspend the collection of the assessment, or any part thereof they may think proper, until the general assembly shall take order therein, upon the property of any person who hath taken the oath of fidelity and support to this state, and hath exerted himself in favour of the freedom and independence thereof, who shall be compelled by the enemy to leave his habitation, and be thereby rendered incapable to carry on his business or occupation, or hath lost his negroes by means of the enemy, or otherwise greatly suffered.

Also, by an act relating to the treble tax imposed on nonjurors and absentees, passed in October session seventeen hundred and eighty, it is enacted, that the treble tax which nonjurors will be liable to pay under the act for raising the supplies of said year, &c. shall be collected from such nonjurors, unless the commissioners of the tax where such nonjuror resides, or where his property is taxed, shall be fully satisfied, and in their judgment and conscience believe, that the neglect of such nonjurors to take the oath or affirmation required by the act for the better security of the government, did not proceed from attachment to Great-Britain or disaffection to this state or its independence, but from scruples of conscience only, in which case the commissioners may direct the collector to suspend the collection of the said treble tax from said nonjuror.

In consequence of the foregoing clauses in the above mentioned acts it appears, that the commissioners of Somerset county have suspended the first payment of the assessment upon Outerbridge Horsey's estate, the amount of which is £. 3846 18 4, on account of his having lost property by means of the enemy to the amount of £. 466 15 3. William Smith, $\frac{2}{3}$ first payment suspended, amount of property £. 280, loss £. 28 16 6. John Williams, first payment suspended, amount of property £. 1945, loss £. 241 1 6. It appears that the above John Williams was obliged by the enemy to leave his plantation.

Samuel M'Clester, $\frac{2}{3}$ first payment suspended,	amt. property	£. 1619 10 0	Loss	154 10 0
Henry Miles, $\frac{1}{3}$ ditto	ditto	889 0 0	ditto	72 0 0
Aaron Sterling, $\frac{1}{3}$ ditto	ditto	1125 0 0	ditto	34 0 9
Tho. Maddux, Esq; $\frac{1}{3}$ ditto	ditto	1090 0 0	ditto	26 17 6
Will. Waters of John, first payment suspended,	ditto	963 6 8	ditto	217 17 11
Peter Waters, $\frac{2}{3}$ ditto	ditto	429 0 0	ditto	32 15 0
Gowan Wright, $\frac{2}{3}$ ditto	ditto	777 10 0	ditto	41 8 0
Martha Webb, $\frac{1}{4}$ ditto	ditto	210 0 0	ditto	8 2 5
William Saffer, $\frac{2}{3}$ ditto	ditto	787 10 0	ditto	134 13 4
Col. John Stewart, first ditto	ditto	1362 0 0	ditto	644 9 0
Smith Horsey, $\frac{1}{3}$ ditto	ditto	2183 13 4	ditto	31 15 0
Charles Ballard, jun. $\frac{1}{4}$ ditto	ditto	356 0 0	ditto	11 17 9
Sarah Ballard, $\frac{1}{8}$ ditto	ditto	1207 10 0	ditto	53 6 6
Lambert Hyland, first ditto	ditto	1030 0 0	ditto	219 7 3

By the returns from the commissioners of Kent county it appears, that the collection of the whole of the first payment has been suspended on the following property:

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