

or hereafter may be attainted of treason should be paid their just debts; Be it enacted, That the said commissioners shall have full power and authority to settle, adjust, liquidate and pay, all just debts, dues and demands, according to dignity and priority of persons whose estates have been or may be forfeited by confiscation or attainder, and who are indebted unto any citizen as aforesaid, and may pay or discount the same, at the value, in the sale of any of the individual debtor's property, except so much of the property of the Nottingham company as has been ordered to be sold to redeem the bills of credit emitted in virtue of the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, and for an emission of bills of credit if necessary; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to pay the same to those citizens who have taken the oath, or affirmation, of fidelity and support, and have manifested their attachment to the present government, by exerting themselves in support of the independence of America, so far as their British debtor or debtors is or are solvent, out of the British property seized and confiscated in consequence of the act aforesaid." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. M'Mechen, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Plowden,	T. Gantt,	Lemmon,	Lawson,	Duckett,	M'Mechen,
W. Stevenson,	Fitzhugh,	Ward,	Kirk,	Alexander,	Hungerford.
Cadwalader,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Lethbury,	Dent,	Scott,	Kent,	Dashiell,	Barnes,
Hall,	Causin,	Job,	Chase,	T. Johnson,	Cramphin,
Worthington,	Stone,	Craufurd,	Quynn,	Beatty,	Bayly,
Maccubbin,	Ridgely,	Clagett,	Morris,	Seth,	Oneale.
Brogden,	Winder,				

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.
The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The bill to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property, was sent to the senate by Mr. Duckett and Mr. Lawson.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. E. Johnston, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. Plowden,	Worthington,	Dent,	Craufurd,	Chase,	Beatty,
W. Stevenson,	Maccubbin,	Causin,	Scott,	Morris,	Cramphin,
Lethbury,	Brogden,	Stone,	Duckett,	Dashiell,	Oneale,
Cadwalader,	Fitzhugh,	Ward,	Clagett,	T. Johnson,	Hungerford.
Hall,	E. Johnson,	Lawson,	Kent,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. T. Gantt,	Winder,	Kirk,	Alexander,	Seth,	Bayly.
Lemmon,	Job,	Quynn,	M'Mechen,	Barnes,	

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

ORDERED, That the several bills passed this session of assembly for altering and amending the constitution and form of government, be published in hand-bills, and fifty copies thereof sent to each of the counties of this state, for the consideration of the citizens of the state.

ORDERED, That the further supplement to the supply bill, and the bill for the emission of two hundred thousand pounds, be published immediately, and fifteen copies thereof transmitted to each county in this state.

It being represented to this house, that some merchants in France had consigned goods to their agents in this state, which the governor and council had purchased on credit, and which have not yet been paid for; and as urgent necessity alone compelled this house to postpone the payment of the public creditors, and this house are desirous to give every encouragement in their power to the subjects of our ally, to trade with our citizens, therefore

RESOLVED, That this house will, at the next session, provide for the payment of any such debts.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill relating to public creditors, endorsed; "By the senate, June 27, 1781: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

RESOLVED,