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So it was determined in the negative.

The bill to confirm the act to abrogate and abolish part of the thirty-seventh article of the form of government, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe appeared as follow:

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So it was determined in the negative.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker petitions from Thomas Harwood, of Anne-Arundel county, and Simon Nicholls, of Montgomery county, collectors of the tax, praying a further time for the collection of the public taxes; a petition from Thomas Cromwell, a nonjuror, praying relief; a petition from Michael Myer, of Washington county, praying that the petition of Mary Pindle may be referred to the next session of assembly, or rejected; and a petition from Frederick Daker, of Baltimore county, praying a remission of a fine imposed on him by the court of Frederick county; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December.6, 1781: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

ORDERED, That Mr. Bayly, Mr. Mills, and Mr. Gibson, be a committee to consider and report on the petitions of the collectors of the tax.

Mr. Coursey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into and report the facts contained in the petition of Robert Long.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that they have examined into the facts contained in the said petition, and find, that the said Robert Long brought his ejection against William Pellett and others, for a tract of land called Sheredine's Bottom enlarged, in the year 1770; that the damages laid in his declaration amounted to 300 pounds current money.

Your committee find, that there was a trial at bar between the parties, and a verdict given in favour of the petitioner; that an exception was taken to the opinion of the court, and the cause was on that account removed into the court of appeals, where it stood until May term 1776, when the suit was dismissed with costs to the appellee; that in consequence of the last judgment, the said Robert Long took out a writ of habere facias possessionem, directed to the sheriff of Baltimore county, who by virtue thereof delivered the said Long possession of the premises; that on the 24th of May, 1776, the convention resolved, that no execution should issue on the said judgment, or if any execution had issued it should not be served.

Your committee find, that the issuing the execution aforesaid, and the serving thereof, was previous to the said resolution; and your committee further observe, that the convention, on the 3d of July 1776, resolved, that the sheriff of Baltimore county redeliver the possession of the said land to the said William Pellett and others, which was accordingly done; that in March session, 1780, an act passed, empowering the said Robert Long to issue process, as well for the recovery of the possession of the said lands, as for his costs and damages in the said suit, notwithstanding any resolves of convention or other acts whatsoever contrary thereto.

Your committee also beg leave to observe, that notwithstanding the above act of assembly, and notwithstanding that in the act for reviving the proceedings of the court of appeals there is a proviso, that the suit of Robert Long should in no wise be affected, the court of appeals, in May term,