

payment, 4223 16 6 $\frac{1}{2}$. Thomas Smyth, Kent, for 1st payment, 3901 6 3; ditto, for 2d ditto, 2019 8 11 $\frac{1}{2}$. Patrick Hamilton, Cæcil, for 1st payment, 4159 14 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Total, 35343 5 4.

The committee not being furnished with the different collectors accounts, are unable to report fuller thereon.

Your committee have also examined the accounts of the dollar tax for the sinking fund, and find there has become due from Henry Downs, collector of the tax for Caroline county, 807 15 5; that there has been paid by the collectors on said account 3402 14 2, as will appear by the following list:

Received of Patrick Hamilton, of Cæcil county, 503 5 0; Henry Downs, Caroline, 807 15 5; Hugh Sherwood, Talbot, 351 15 0; Thomas Smyth, Kent, 1003 10 0; John Stevens, Dorchester, 64 2 6; George Truitt, Worcester, 672 6 3. Total, 3402 14 2.

None of the commissioners of the tax for the eastern shore, except Caroline county, have made any returns for the sinking fund.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

G. RANKEN, clk.

By order,

Which was read.

The engrossed bill No. 2, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Burgess and Mr. Smithson.

The engrossed bill No. 1, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Bayly and Mr. Eccleston.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the president of congress of the 31st of November, enclosing an act of congress of the 23d; and a letter from F. P. Penett, dated Nantes, October 7, 1781, to his Excellency the Governor and Council; which were read.

A complaint from Benjamin Geurard, against William Kirby Jones, for extortion in his account for ferriages from Kent-island, was laid before the house and read, and referred to the committee appointed to prepare a bill to regulate ferries. ORDERED, That Mr. Chale be added to the said committee.

A letter of resignation from Mr. Thomas Johnson, a delegate returned for Frederick county in the room of Mr. Hanson, was laid before the house and read.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1781.

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

ORDERED, That Mr. Speaker issue his warrant to the sheriff of Frederick county, for the electing a delegate for said county in the room of Mr. Thomas Johnson; which issued accordingly, returnable on or before the first day of February next.

Benedict Edward Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Matthew Ridley, setting forth, that he intermarried with the daughter of a certain Joseph Richardson, of London, who has some unimproved lots adjacent to Baltimore-town, which are involved in the law for confiscating British property; that the said property was designed as part of his wife's fortune by the said Richardson; and praying an act may pass to confirm his title to the said lots, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1781: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On progression in reading the bill to raise the supplies for the year 1782, the question was put, That a fine be imposed on collectors of the tax refusing to serve? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Thomas, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Thomas,	Jenifer,	Rowland,	Seney,	Beatty,	Sprigg,
	Mills,	Maynadier,	Bowie,	Chafe,	Duvall,	Chapline,
	Hall,	Job,	Hawkins,	Quynn,	Smithson,	Burgess.
	Chew,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Forrest,	Brogden,	S. Worthington,	Eccleston,	Duckett,	Wilson,
	Tilden,	Stone,	Gibson,	Miller,	Kent,	Stull,
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Hindman,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Bayly.
	B. Worthington,					

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the honourable Speaker.

Mr. Fitzhugh,