

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 31

Mr. Fitzhugh, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Griffith, appeared in the house. Mr. John Taylor, a delegate returned for Harford county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house.

On progression in reading the supply bill, the question was put, That the bills of credit now in circulation, be received in payment of taxes, at a value to be ascertained by this house? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr Bayly, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Forrest,	Fitzhugh,	Maynadier,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Stull,
	Thomas,	Chew,	Hindman,	Hawkins,	Beatty,	Sprigg,
	Mills,	Jenifer,	Eccleston,	Duckett,	Duvall,	Chapline,
	N. Worthington,	Stone,	Job,	Kent,	Smithson,	Burgefs,
	Hall,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Wright,	M'Mechen,	Griffith,
	B. Worthington,	S. Worthington,	Brevard,	Seney,	Wilson,	Bayly.
Brogden,	Gibson,	Rowland,	Coursey,			

N E G A T I V E.

Mr. Chase.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words, "the rate of one dollar for seven shillings and six-pence current money," be struck out, and the words "passing value," inserted? Carried in the negative.

Matthew Tilghman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker an application from the commissioners appointed to preserve confiscated British property, requesting the advice of the general assembly, whether the property of persons outlawed for treason is to be considered as British property, for which officers certificates are to be received; endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1781: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was read.

On progression in reading the bill to raise the supplies, the question was put, That the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly passed June session, 1780, be received in taxes at three for one? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said bills of credit be received at two for one? Carried in the negative.

The question was put, That the bills emitted by the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, be received in taxes at three for one? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was put, That the bills emitted by the act to enable the treasurer of the western shore to draw and sell bills of exchange, &c. be received at two for one? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Maynadier has leave of absence till Wednesday next, and Mr. Tilden until Sunday week. Mr. Wright has leave of absence.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 13, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Maynadier and Mr. Tilden. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The petition from Matthew Ridley was read, and referred to the next session.

Mr. Jenifer, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: By the COMMITTEE appointed to inspect into and report the state and condition of the auditor-general's office, &c.

YOUR committee beg leave to report, that the auditor's books are posted up to the 24th day of November last. That the books containing the last emission of bills of credit, as also those containing the accounts of the former emissions of this state, and of the emissions of congress, are in as good a situation, as the nature of the case, and the constant alarms this state has been in during last summer, will admit of.

That the books containing the last emission, are more complete than the others; the others nearly in the same state as when last reported on. That from the nature of the auditor's business, it is impossible for him, or this committee, to make out a general state of the expenditure of public money, so far as it hath come into the treasury, unless a certain time be fixed on for the auditor to balance his books, and this cannot be done during the sitting of the general assembly;