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“ And be it enacted, That the said commissioners be authorized to employ a clerk, and allow him twelve shillings and six-pence current money per day, and the expences of the said commissioners shall be defrayed by the public, and their account thereof adjusted by the auditor-general; and the governor and council may advance money to the said commissioners, to defray their expences.

“ And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, before they enter on the execution of the trust reposed in them by this act, shall severally take an oath, “ diligently and faithfully to execute the duties required of them by this act, without favour, affection, partiality, or prejudice, to the best of their skill and judgment, and according to the directions of this act;” which oath any judge or justice may administer.”

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Lloyd appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Smyth,	Hindman,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Quynn,	Beatty,
	Lloyd,	Done,	Hawkins,	Chafe,	Dashiell,	Hopper.
	Stone,	Job,	Kent,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Bond,	Fitzhugh,	Courts,	Shriver,	Wheeler,	Burgess,
	B. Worthington,	Chew,	Cradock,	Ogle,	M'Mechen,	Griffith,
	N. Worthington,	Weems,	Miller,	Taylor,	Fell,	Oneale,
	Hall,	Dent,	Rowland,	Norris,	Chapline,	Edwards.
	Brogden,	Wilkinson,	Magruder,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The order of the day, relative to the memorial exhibited by sundry inhabitants of this state against Thomas Contee, is postponed till to-morrow morning.

On motion by Mr. Chafe seconded by Mr. Dashiell, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty three? “ And be it enacted, That all lands held or enjoyed immediately by tenants in fee, or fee simple conditional or executory, or fee tail, or by tenant for life, without any contingency and impeachment of waste, and who pays no rent, or by tenant by the courtsey, shall be wholly valued to such tenants.” Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dashiell seconded by Mr. Burgess, Leave given to bring in a bill for the defence of this state; and Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Hall, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Weems, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to prepare and bring in the said bill.

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

F R I D A Y, December 20, 1782.

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

Mr. Done, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, respecting the Bald-Beach in said county, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion, that every reasonable encouragement ought to be given to the manufacturing of salt within this state; that a monopoly of the ground above mentioned militates directly against that principle; they therefore think it proper, that a law should pass to preclude an exclusive appropriation of the said ground to the use of any individual, and declaring that the same shall remain in common to the use of the inhabitants of this state, for the purpose of erecting works for the manufacturing of salt. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

On motion by Mr. Dashiell seconded by Mr. Done, the question was put on the following:

On consideration of the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, respecting the Bald-Beach in said county, and the report thereon, RESOLVED, That no land warrants shall be laid on any of the said grounds, for the purpose of securing to any individual an exclusive right to the same, until the general assembly shall take order therein. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Smyth hath leave of absence until Wednesday next.

The order of the day, relative to the memorial of sundry inhabitants of this state exhibited against Thomas Contee, was read, and the house proceeded to take the same into consideration,