

the interest of which, at five per cent. will amount to one thousand hogheads of tobacco at fourteen livres per hundred, or in other words to twelve shillings and three-pence sterling per centum.

In our present circumstances we conceive that this contract will be very disadvantageous to the state, and if extended, which it probably may, to the sum of sixty thousand pounds sterling, will involve this state in so great a foreign debt, as will prove extremely burdensome, considering the low prices obtained for the tobacco payable annually for the interest of the loan.

We wish that in case this matter should strike you in the same point of view as it does us, that a resolve may pass both houses, requesting the governor and council immediately to write to Mr. Matthew Ridley, to stop his further proceeding in the loan, or purchase of cloathing and military stores, or other articles, for the use of this state.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

Which was read.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower James Scott, administrator of Daniel Scott, deceased, to sell and dispose of part of two tracts of land in Harford county, endorsed; "By the senate, January 4, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, January 4, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a letter from the intendant of the revenue; which was read.

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

S U N D A Y, January 5, 1783.

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

The bill for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, with the amendments, was sent to the senate by Mr. M^eMechen and Mr. Fell.

Mr. Lloyd, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 5, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have agreed to your amendments to the bill to regulate the militia, except that relating to the exemption of the governor and members of the council, the members of the general assembly, the chancellor, the judges of the general court and of the court of appeals, the judge of the court of admiralty, and the delegates to congress. The governor, with the advice of the council, may command the militia by our constitution, and we cannot agree to exempt him from this service. We do not think any inconvenience can arise from subjecting the members of the council, the members of the general assembly, the chancellor, the judges of the general court and of the court of appeals, the judge of the court of admiralty, and the delegates to congress, to militia duty. These are of the first characters and fortunes, and ought to set examples to the people, and shew, that no duty, however hard or inconvenient, will be required of them, but what all ranks of men are subjected to; this would induce our fellow citizens to follow the examples with alacrity, and they will want no greater stimulus for their good conduct, than the having among them persons with whom they entrust their liberties and property, sharing with them in the fatigues and dangers incident to their exertions in the defence of their country.

For these reasons we have returned your honours the bill, and hope you will wave the exemptions, and pass it with the amendments agreed to by this house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and assented to.

The engrossed bill No. 7, was read and assented to, and the paper bill thereof so endorsed.

The engrossed bills No. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, the paper bill No. 7, the above message, and the bill to regulate the militia, by Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Coursey.

The memorial of the justices and sheriff of Anne-Arundel county was read the second time, and Mr. Stone, Mr. Hindman, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. S. Worthington, and Mr. Ridgely, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker to consider and report thereon.

On a second reading of the bill for the more effectual collection of fines and forfeitures, and for other purposes therein mentioned, on motion by Mr. Stone seconded by Mr. Seney, the question was put, That the words "attachment of contempt" be struck out? Resolved in the affirmative.

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