

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

And the engrossed bills No. 17 and 18, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; “ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read and assented to.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

The engrossed bills No. 17 and 18, were read and assented to, and the paper bills thereof, so endorsed, sent to the senate by Mr. N. Worthington and Mr. Griffith.

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

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 11, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IN answer to your message by William Hindman, Esq; giving reasons for your dissent to our resolution for ascertaining the per diem allowance to the members of the general assembly, we agree with your honours, that the length of the session is attended with a very heavy expence, and we can assure your honours, we should reprobate the conduct of the members allowing themselves more than would defray their reasonable and necessary expences, but we are satisfied, from experience, the sum mentioned in our resolution does not exceed the expences of those members who keep horses in this city or at Kent-island, exclusive of the very heavy expence of ferriage; but as your honours differ with us in opinion, another resolution accompanies this, allowing a less sum than is sufficient to defray our necessary expences; this, we are satisfied, is neither the desire or interest of our constituents, and may exclude from the legislature men of limited and moderate estates, whose wisdom, probity, and zeal for the general welfare, are unquestionable, the pernicious consequences of which are too obvious to need a discussion.

Which was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the resolution, by Mr. Kent and Mr. Seney.

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the defence of the bay, and to impose certain duties on imported articles; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

James M^cHenry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolve respecting the per diem allowance, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read and assented to.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

On motion by Mr. M^cMechen seconded by Mr. Stone, the question was put, That the treasurer of the western shore, be and is hereby directed, to receive the bills of credit emitted by the act, entitled, An act for the emission of bills of credit not exceeding two hundred thousand pounds, on the security of double the value in lands, to defray the expences of the present campaign, for all British property sold for the redemption of the said bills, at par with specie? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Wilkinson.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 3, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the second time and will pass.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And the bill for the more effectual collection of fines and forfeitures, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 5, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

“ By the senate, January 11, 1783: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
 “ By order, J. MACCUBBIN, clk.”

Amendments proposed. After the word “ contempt,” in the ninth line of the fourth page, strike out the words “ on presentment,” and insert “ and only the aforesaid fees in all cases where the party submits to the judgment of the court upon presentment.”

At the end of the bill insert, “ This act to continue and be in force for and during the term of one year, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.”

Which were read.

On motion by Mr. Chase seconded by Mr. Stone, Leave given to bring in a bill to raise a sum of money for the payment of the officers and soldiers of the line of this state, from the first day of August 1780, to the first day of January 1781; and Mr. Chase, Mr. Hall, Mr. Stone, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Burges, were appointed a committee by Mr. Speaker for that purpose.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the discovery of confiscated British property, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 9, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.
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