

T U E S D A Y, May 13, 1783.

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

The bill to authorise and empower Frank Leeke, of Prince-George's county, to dispose of a tract of land called Wells's Invention, for the purpose therein mentioned, referred from the last session to the present, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of George Dent was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the adjournment of civil causes ruled for trial, &c. was sent to the senate by Mr. Oneale and Mr. Edwards.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 13, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that a joint letter be wrote by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, to inform the gentlemen elected delegates to congress of their appointment.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several counties in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MAY 13, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are very sorry that you have rejected the bill for adjourning the civil causes in the general court for the western shore; we are satisfied this session cannot end before some time in next week; and are also convinced, that the business of the general court and the assembly cannot go on at the same time. Several members of the general assembly are concerned in most of the trials in the general court, and we think it wrong to deprive them of a fair opportunity of discharging both duties; and we are convinced that holding the general court and assembly at the same time will prolong the session, and put it out of the power of counsel to do justice to those for whom they are concerned. We have returned you the bill, and wish you to re-consider this subject, and think you will find the inconveniences of holding the court at this time a sufficient reason for an adjournment; should any amendment or alteration appear to your house to be necessary, we will readily agree to any, so that such an adjournment be made, that the business of the court may not interfere with the assembly.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading the bill giving a further time for the payment of the taxes levied for the present year, &c. the question was put, That the following clause—"And be it enacted, That the bills of credit emitted by the act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, the bills of credit emitted by an act of assembly passed June session seventeen hundred and eighty, and the bills of credit emitted by an act of assembly, 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, passed May session seventeen hundred and eighty-one, shall be taken and received in payment by the several collectors for that part of the tax which may be discharged in specifics, at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence for a dollar of the said bills of credit, when received shall not re issue."—be it struck out? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Bond,	Dent,	Jackson,	Kent,	Shriver,	Keene,
	Lloyd,	Wilkinson,	Kirkman,	Chafe,	Ogle,	Stull,
	Fitzhugh,	Ridgely,	Brevard,	Quynn,	Duvall,	Burgess,
	Chew,	Hindman,	Rowland,	Dennis,	Beatty,	Griffith,
	Reynolds,	Roberts,	Duckett,	Morris,	Taylor,	Oneale,
	Weems,	Gibson,	Magruder,	Holland,	Norris,	Edwards.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Key,	N. Worthington,	Shaw,	Job,	Miller,	M'Mechen.
	B. Worthington,	Sherwood,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause—"And be it enacted, That the collectors of the tax shall deliver to each person chargeable with property