

A bill, entitled, An act laying a duty on British vessels, and for other purposes, endorsed;  
 " By the senate, December 22, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
 " By the senate, December 23, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.  
 " By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And a petition from Adam Fisher, sheriff of Frederick county, praying that some provision may be made for him upon the release of the debtors in Frederick county gaol, endorsed; " By the

" senate, December 23, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.  
 " By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

On the second reading of the bill relating to interest in certain cases, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of the christian society of people called Nicolites or New Quakers, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Beatty, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in gaols in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to empower the justices of Somerset county to levy on the inhabitants of the said county a sum of money sufficient to erect a bridge over the river Wiccomico, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Grahame brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the public taxes for Prince-George's county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 24, 1783.

**T**HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Hall. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason; the bill relating to interest in certain cases; the bill to empower the justices of Somerset county to levy on the inhabitants of the said county a sum of money sufficient to erect a bridge over the river Wiccomico; the bill for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams; and the bill to settle and pay the civil list; were sent to the senate by Mr. Ware and Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. N. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading the said bill by especial order, the question was put, That the several acts of assembly respecting the staple of tobacco be continued until the end of the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. N. Worthington appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Somerville,	B. Worthington,	Mackall,	Hawkins,	Harris,	Digges,
	De Butts,	N. Worthington,	Harwood,	Dent,	Jackson,	Maguder,
	Plowden,	Carroll,	Ware,	Ridgely of Wm. Shaw,		Quinn.
	Key,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Stevenfon,	Job,	Seney,	Beatty,	Love,	McMechen,
	J. Stevenfon,	Miller,	Kent,	Shriver,	Hopper,	Oneal,
	Hindman,	Rowland,	Coursey,	Ogle,	Keere,	Edwards,
	Polk,	Bravard,	Morris,	Norris,	Hughlett,	Wootton.
	Scott,					

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and sent to the senate by Mr. Carroll and Mr. Roberts.

The bill relating to judicial proceedings in the general court, was referred to the consideration of the next general assembly.