

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

THE principle of the amendment we had the honour to propose, went to receiving all debts due the state by any of its citizens, in discharge of all debts due by the state to its citizens, as we did not suppose it to be your intention to establish a preference between a soldier's, officer's, or citizen's evidence, or certificate of a debt; as we could not think the obligation of an individual, or a state who gives a bond to pay it, lessened in any degree by a transfer of the bond; as we could not discover any line of distinction between one certificate and another, that would not violate the public faith, and be introductory of confusion and injustice; and as experience has discovered, that every preference or distinction heretofore made between one man's certificate and another's, has encouraged or produced depreciation. We therefore were led to propose the amendment, as a foundation or ground work for a general admission of all kinds of liquidated certificates in discharge of all debts due the state. If these reasons will not weigh with you at this time in favour of our amendment, we at least hope, that a more full and deliberate consideration of the subject, will bring both houses, at next session, to unite in some general plan for setting debts against credits, in such a manner as may relieve both the state and its citizens from their present embarrassments.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and is hereby directed to stop issuing executions against the purchases of British property, until the end of the next session of assembly; and that no further proceedings be had on the executions which have already issued against the said purchasers; provided that the interest due on the purchase money shall be paid on or before the first day of June next.

Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Stevenson and Mr. Edwards.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the above resolution, endorsed;

" By the senate, December 26, 1783: Read and assented to.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

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

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are ready to go into the appointment of three members of the council, and have appointed Samuel Hughes and William Perry, Esquires, to join the gentlemen named by your house to examine the ballot boxes. Mr. John Brice is named in addition to the gentlemen named in your house.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, endorsed; " By the senate, December 26, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And the paper bills No. 38 and 39, with the engrossed bills thereof severally endorsed; " By the senate, December 26, 1783: Read and assented to.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The engrossed bill No. 41 was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Harris.

The engrossed bills No. 38 and 39 were read and assented to, and the paper bills thereof so endorsed, sent to the senate by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Duckett.

The house having qualified agreeable to the constitution, and form of government, proceeded to the choice of three counsellors to the governor by ballot, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, that Samuel Turbutt Wright, Charles Wallace, and major John Davidson, Esquires, were elected. Whereupon RESOLVED, That Samuel Turbutt Wright, Charles Wallace, and major John Davidson, Esquires, be, and they are hereby declared to be, counsellors to the governor for the state of Maryland.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 26, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have no business now before us, and are ready to put an end to the session, and therefore have agreed to adjourn to the first Monday in November next.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Digges:

By