

Mr. Joseph Dashiell brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize the sale of part of the land of Thomas Alexander Brooke, an infant; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill to empower Thomas Langton and James Wignell to sell the real estate of John Ashburner, deceased, and the bill for the sale of a lot of ground in Baltimore-town, the property of Thomas Walley, were sent to the senate by Mr. Joseph Dashiell.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince George's county, to complete the same; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On progression in reading the bill to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, the question was put, That the following be inserted? "And be it enacted, that the tenants on any manors, and the settlers on the reserves, shall have the preference of purchasing such parts of the said manors and reserves as they now severally possess or occupy, or agreeably to surveys and certificates thereof made in pursuance of the act of April session 1782, on payment of a reasonable and moderate valuation therefor, without the improvements thereon, to be ascertained by the intendant of the revenue, or by any two of three indifferent persons on oath, to be nominated by him; and the purchasers shall give bond, with good security, to pay the principal on or before the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety, and to pay the interest annually; and if they shall refuse or neglect to purchase, the said intendant of the revenue shall sell the same on the same credit, for the highest price he can procure." Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following be inserted? "And, whereas sundry certificates have been granted to persons as non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, who have fraudulently obtained the same, under pretence that they were soldiers when they never were, or that they were in the service and entitled to the certificates for depreciation, contrary to the fact, or by one soldier personating another; for remedy whereof, be it enacted, that if on full inquiry any such fraud or deceit shall be discovered by the intendant and auditor-general, or either of them, such certificates shall not be paid or discounted by the treasurer, on notice by the intendant or auditor-general of such fraud or deceit." Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following be inserted? "And any specie certificate granted by this state, with interest due thereon, may be received in payment of the said tax, but no collector shall have credit therefor before he shall make oath, or affirmation, (to be administered by either or the treasurers) that he bona fide received the same in payment of the said tax, and any collector swearing falsely shall, on conviction, be subject to the same punishment and consequences as for wilful and corrupt perjury; and any certificate received in payment of the said tax shall be kept with the money, and shall be examined and destroyed by a committee of both houses." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs	Key,	Ware,	Elzey,	Digges,	Joseph Dashiell,	Hardcastle,	
	De Butts,	Dent,	Steel,	Johnson,	Beatty,	M'Mechen,	
	Plowden,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Chafe,	Norris,	Stull,	
	Graves,	Hindman,	Bravard,	Quynn,	Love,	Cellars,	
	Grahame,	Gibson,	Oglevee,	Townshend,	Wheeler,	Swingle.	
	Fraizer,	John Dashiell,	Bowie,	Chaille,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs	Cadwalader,	Taney,	Roberts,	Gantt,	Bond,	Oneale,	
	N. Worthington,	Stevenson,	G. Scott,	Seney,	Cramphin,	Edwards.	
	Carroll,	Harris,	Job,	Sewell,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator de bonis non of Jonathan Plowman, &c. endorsed; By the senate, December 27, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,  
"By the senate, December 29, 1784: Read the second time and will pass.

J. DORSEY, clk.

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Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And a memorial from John M'Lure, of Baltimore-town, praying the intendant of the revenue may be empowered and directed to settle with him for money lent the state, endorsed; "By the senate, December 29, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for founding a college on the western shore of this state, and constituting the same, together with Washington college on the eastern shore, into one