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The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

## M O N D A Y, March 6, 1786.

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

Mr. Stone, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: By the **COMMITTEE** appointed to inquire into and state the several sums of money paid into the treasury by citizens of this state debtors to citizens of Great Britain.

**Y O U R** committee, in obedience to the directions of the honourable house, beg leave to report, That they have called on the treasurer of the western shore for an account of all sums of money that were paid to or lodged with him in continental bills of credit, and other bills of the same value, by citizens of this state, agreeably to an act of assembly passed at the city of Annapolis in October session seventeen hundred and eighty, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by resolves of convention, and had by the account rendered by the said treasurer, that there was paid, or lodged with him, in virtue of the before-recited act, and under the twelfth section thereof, the sum of £. 144,576 12 3 in continental bills of credit, and other bills of the same value, which said sum was exchanged by him for the new emission of congress of the 18th of March 1780, at the rate of forty of the first mentioned bills for one of the latter emission, amounting to the sum of £. 3,614 8 4 of the said emission of March 1780, which emission your committee conceive to be equal to specie at this time, and as such will be applied to the credit of this state with the United States.

Your committee also beg leave to report, that from an examination of the law of October session 1780, under which the above-mentioned sums were paid, or deposited, it appears, that this money was only lodged with the treasurer as a place of safe keeping for those who should apply for it, and that this state has never made or directed any application of the said sums of money. Under these impressions, your committee came to the following resolutions, viz.

1. **RESOLVED**, That this state will only pay, whenever called on, for any of the said sums of bills of credit lodged with the treasurer of the western shore under the twelfth section of the act of assembly passed October session 1780, entitled, An act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government, and by resolves of convention, at the rate of one specie dollar for forty dollars of the said bills so lodged, with an interest of six per cent. per annum from the time such bills were lodged as aforesaid until paid.

2. **RESOLVED**, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to liquidate the several sums of bills of credit lodged with him as aforesaid at the rate of one specie dollar for forty dollars of the said bills, and shall, whenever applied to either by the person or persons who lodged the said bills of credit as aforesaid, or by the person or persons for whom it was mentioned to be lodged, after liquidating such sum or sums as aforesaid; and allowing an interest of six per cent. thereon until paid, pay such specie sum to either of such persons who shall apply as aforesaid, out of any public money which may be in the treasury unappropriated, or may grant a specie certificate for the amount thereof, discountable for any past or future taxes, except those levied and appropriated to the use of congress.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the board of treasury of the 20th of February last, enclosing a report of a committee of congress respecting the general system of revenue, endorsed; "By the senate, March 6, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSLEY, clk."

Which was read.

The bill for the regulation of the poor in the several counties of this state, for the relief of indigent mariners, and for repairing of the poor-house in Baltimore county, was read the first time and rejected.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for building a new prison in the city of Annapolis? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely of William appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	T. Bond,	Gantt,	Bracco,	W. Bowie,	Chaille,	M'Mechen,
	Somerville,	Fraizer,	Adams,	Digges,	Joseph Dashiell,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Turner,	Waters,	Chafe,	Faw,	Oneale.
	Carroll,	Stone,	Ennalls,	Quynn,	Carey,	
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs	Key,	Ridgely,	John Dashiell,	Miller,	Purnell,	Love,
	B. Worthington,	Ridgely of Wm. Baker,	Ramsay,	Ramsay,	Beatty,	Wheeler,
	Taney,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	John Seney,	Norris,	Steret.
	Jones,	Gale,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED,