

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

The house met.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the patenters of certain confiscated property, and the resolution appointing the messenger to the governor and council to take care of the stadthouse, were sent to the senate by Mr. R. Bowie.

Mr. Waggaman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorsts, of Amsterrdam, merchants; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorsts, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Purnell.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, the resolution respecting the stadthouse and the governor's house, and the resolution appointing a person to take care of the stadthouse, severally endorsed; "By the senate, March 10, 1786: Read and assented to.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk "

The bill for the relief of John Stevens of Dorchester county, late collector of the tax, endorsed; "By the senate, March 9, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, March 10, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The supplement to the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the power of the high court of chancery, endorsed; "By the senate, March 10, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, March 10, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to ascertain for what time interest shall cease on debts due from the citizens of this state previous to the commencement of the late war, endorsed; "By the senate, March 9, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order J. DORSEY clk.

" By the senate, March 10, 1786: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

" By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, MARCH 10, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

CONCEIVING that we have no constitutional power to interfere with the subject of your bill to ascertain for what time interest shall cease to debts due from the citizens of this state previous to the commencement of the late war, we think ourselves obliged to give it a negative, although the cases which you had in view to provide for certainly would demand the attention of the legislature, if at liberty to act upon them. The United States in congress assembled having the sole right of making peace, we apprehend the state legislatures ought not to pass any act which may be construed in any manner to oppose the terms of a treaty made by congress, and perhaps your bill, if passed into an act, might be liable to this construction; we do not mean by this objection to intimate an opinion upon the question, whether persons who may have contracted debts to British subjects before the war are compellable to pay interest during its continuance, this being a subject properly determinable by a judicial tribunal, which we ought not to attempt to influence by a legislative act, in a case where the power of the legislature may be questioned.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz.

On the second reading the report on the petition of Charles Frederick Wiefenthal, RESOLVED, That the auditor-general be authorized and directed to settle with, and allow the whole accounts of, doctor Wiefenthal, and to allow him pay for the whole time he acted under his appointment from this state, thereout deducting the value of the continental money received by him from the director-general, amounting to £. 1013 5 0, of the real value of £. 279 4 3, specie, and £. 1522 7 7, paid him on a former settlement with the auditor-general, in pursuance of a resolve of the general assembly in December 1780. and that he allow doctor Wiefenthal the sum of £. 138 2 7, passed in his said former account, and also his account for medicine furnished the continental troops at Fredericktown, thereout deducting £. 40 real money, without any allowance for depreciation; and the said account, so liquidated and adjusted by the said auditor-general, shall be presented to the governor and council, and if passed by them, they are hereby requested to draw an order on the treasurer of the western shore, agreeably to the act of May session 1781, and the whole of the said account shall be charged to the United States.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

T. Bond,	Stone,	Bracco,	Waggaman,	Chafe,	Purnell,
Fraizer,	Ridgely,	John Dashiell,	Dgges,	Quynn,	Faw,
Jones,	Ridgely of Wm. Adams,	R. Bowie,	Chaille,	Carry,	
Furner,	Goldborough,	Waters,	F. Bowie,	Joseph Dashiell,	Steret.