

some one of the said securities, at the time when the said recited act passed. And it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of the said recited act, that persons indebted for taxes to be collected by the said securities, have a right and election to pay such certificates or bills of credit for the said taxes as the said securities have a right to pay into the treasury; and if any property is or shall be taken by the said securities, and sold, it shall be sold upon the terms of paying in money or certificates aforesaid, at the election of the buyer, to the amount of the sum due to the said securities, and the residue, if any, in money or certificates, if the owner shall so direct, to the owners of the property taken; and these terms shall be publicly notified at the time of sale; and if any property already taken and not sold, or if sold and purchased by the securities, or any of them, or any person for them, may be redeemed by paying certificates or bills of credit as aforesaid, on or before the first day of March next; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said securities to give certificates in change, if they have them, to the purchasers of property sold, or to any person offering to pay the tax in certificates."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 12, 1787.

GENTLEMEN,

IN consequence of your message by Mr. Bowie, we have reconsidered the bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and have passed the same with the amendments that accompany the bill.

We have dissented to that part of the bill which gave the persons indebted for public dues the liberty of lodging bonds in the treasury, payable in the year 1790; and we were induced to adopt this measure from a persuasion of the ill policy of increasing the public debtors, and that if the proposed indulgence had been granted in this instance, the inhabitants of other counties in this state, who are in arrears, would reasonably expect the same, in consequence of the act relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-five.

You have not informed us of any abuses committed by the securities of the late Thomas Williams, in the collection of the public dues under the act passed in their favour. However we apprehend, that abuses which may hereafter be committed by collectors in settling with those indebted, will be prevented by the provisions made in the supplement to the act relating to replevins; and we conceive that the amendments proposed by this house to your bill, will prevent any abuse or oppression to the inhabitants of Prince-George's county, in settling their public dues with the securities of the late Thomas Williams.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

On motion RESOLVED, That seventeen shillings and six-pence per day be allowed to each member of the general assembly for his attendance during this session, and the like sum per day for itinerant charges.

The reports on the petitions of Simon Nicholls and Alexander Calett, were read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Oneale, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Stone, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the memorial of John Taylor, of Stafford county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. McMechen and Mr. Norris, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Burgess, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Simon Nicholls, late collector of the public tax for Montgomery county, and of Alexander Calett and Thomas Nicholls, his securities; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill, entitled, A supplement to the act ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, was read the second time and committed for amendment.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The memorial of William Fitzburgh, was read.

The amendments to the supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, &c. and the message which accompanied it, were read, the amendments agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Quinn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly by the petition of Thomas Canfield, that he entered into the service of the United States by enlisting as a private soldier in the fourth Maryland regiment, then commanded by colonel Stewart, in the year 1781, and continued to serve in the Maryland line for more than two years, and until the end of the war; that he was employed as a labourer to the workmen on the fleet-house; that early in the morning of the 12th November last, he ascended the scaffold of the said house to the roof thereof with a load of shingles, when his foot unfortunately slipped, from the height of which, and not having it in his power to lay hold of any thing for his safety, he fell from the roof of the fleet-house to the ground, at least eighty feet, whereby he was so much bruised, and received so many contusions, that he was carried home senseless, where he continued several weeks not expected to live: that he is in a languishing condition

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