

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That if any creditor or creditors of any sum or sums above three hundred pounds current money, shall apply to the chancellor in writing, stating his or their claim, and alleging that his or their debtor is wasting, mispending or misconducting, his property, and thereby impairing and lessening the security of his creditor or creditors, such creditor or creditors shall annex to such application an oath or affirmation of his or their debt, and that such debtor refused, neglected or declined, to give such creditor or creditors sufficient security for the payment of his debt, and that he is informed and believes that such debtor is wasting, mispending or misconducting, his property, and thereby impairing and lessening the security of such creditor for his debt, whereby he apprehends and believes he will incur a loss of said debt, or of some part thereof, the chancellor may direct such debtor to appear before him, and to answer, on oath or affirmation, as to the justice of the debt or claim against him, and also as to the allegations aforesaid, (and in case of his neglect to appear on due notice, the chancellor may inquire into the truth of the debt or claim, and the allegations aforesaid, by the examination of witnesses) and if satisfied of the justice of the debt or claim, and of the truth of the allegations aforesaid, he may direct such debtor to give, within such time as he shall appoint, real or personal security, as he may think proper, to such creditor or creditors, for payment at such time as he may think reasonable, and if refused, delayed or neglected, by such debtor, the chancellor may declare such debtor to be insolvent, and may thereupon order him to deliver up all his property and debts on oath or affirmation, and to convey and transfer the same to trustee or trustees for the benefit of all creditors, and may compel obedience to his orders, and similar proceedings shall be had in every respect as herein before provided on the application of the debtor, and such debtor shall in all things be considered and discharged, and have the benefit of this act, and be subject to all the consequences of fraud, deceit, or false swearing, as if he had applied for relief under this act." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Mef. Stone,	Shaw,	Faw,	Norris,	Burgefs,	Holmes.
Gibson,	John Seney,	Mantz,	Cellars,	Oneale,	11.
N E G A T I V E.					
Abell,	Harwood,	Dent,	Stewart,	Digges,	Purnell,
De Butts,	N. Worthington,	Turner,	Polk,	Quynn,	Henry,
Hopewell,	Chafe,	M'Pherson,	Pattison,	Paca,	T. Johnson,
Forrest,	B. Worthington,	Cockey,	R. Bond,	Joshua Seney,	Hardcastle,
Perkins,	Taney,	Roberts,	Bravard,	Jackson,	Funk.
Wright,	Grahame,	Stevens,	F. Bowie,	P. Mitchell,	35.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Abell,	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	Polk,	Quynn,	Henry,
De Butts,	Chafe,	Cockey,	Pattison,	Paca,	Faw,
Hopewell,	Taney,	Roberts,	R. Bond,	Joshua Seney,	T. Johnson,
Forrest,	Grahame,	Stevens,	Bravard,	Jackson,	Norris,
Perkins,	Dent,	Gibson,	F. Bowie,	P. Mitchell,	Hardcastle.
Wright,	Turner,	Stewart,	Digges,	Purnell,	35.
N E G A T I V E.					
Mef. N. Worthington,	Stone,	John Seney,	Cellars,	Burgefs,	Holmes.
B. Worthington,	Shaw,	Mantz,	Funk,	Oneale,	11.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Gibson.

Edward Lloyd, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting Thomas Roberts, endorsed; "By the senate, April 30, 1787: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a petition from James Clerk, of Anne-Arundel county, setting forth, that James Russell, of the city of London, merchant, by deed, bearing date on the 28th day of July, 1784, conveyed to him, his natural and lawful grand-son, in fee, sundry pieces or parcels of land; that all the other property of the said Russell was taken and sold as confiscated British property; and praying that the deed aforesaid, executed by his grand-father, by which he intended to convey the small remnant of his fortune in Maryland, and which remained undisposed of by the state, to him, may be confirmed; endorsed; "By the senate, April 30, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read and referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of William Berry Warman, of Prince-George's county, beg leave to report, that your committee have inquired into the allegations set forth in the said petition, and finding them to be true, are of opinion that the prayer of the same ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDR, clk.

Which was read.