

That the creditor, on a bond given by the debtor for the payment under instalments, may file the same with the clerk of the county, and on nonpayment, the plaintiff, on filing an affidavit, may issue execution for the instalment due, and the interest, and if on return of such execution the debtor can prove a payment, the creditor to pay all costs of such execution.

That there shall be no appeal or writ of error to remove any debt installed agreeably to this act, nor any superfeudas allowed.

That British creditors comprehended under the treaty of peace, on consenting to the instalments, shall have the same benefit under this law as other creditors.

Which was read.

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

THE committee appointed to inquire what laws have or will expire this session, beg leave to report, that the following law will expire at the close thereof : An act for the relief of insolvent debtors, passed March session, 1774.

By order,

A. QUINN, jun. clk.

Which was read.

ORDERED, That the report on the petitions of sundry purchasers of confiscated British property, have a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Speaker lays before the house a letter from Uriah Forrest, Esquire, of the 10th instant, resigning his seat as a delegate to congress ; which was read.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, May 12, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as, on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Chase has leave of absence.

The house took into consideration the order of the day, and the following message being prepared, viz.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, MAY 12, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THE purchasers of the Nottingham forges and furnace, and purchasers of other confiscated British property, in state and continental state money, having solicited this general assembly to relieve them from their purchases, and take them back for the use of the state ; and this request involving questions of much difficulty, we wish to collect the sense of both branches of the legislature thereon, and therefore propose a conference on the above applications, and, if assented to, we have appointed Mr. Thomas Johnson, Mr. Paca, Mr. Brice T. B. Worthington, Mr. Wright, and Mr. M'Mechen, to meet such gentlemen as you may think proper to appoint.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the house assent thereto? 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.	Abell,	Owings,	Polk,	Matthews,	Purnell,	Wheeler,
	Hopewell,	Cockey,	Shaw,	Bravard,	Henry,	Loockerman,
	Wright,	Roberts,	Pattison,	Quynn,	Faw,	Hollingworth,
	Harwood,	Gale,	Steele,	Paca,	Norris,	M'Mechen,
	Grahame,	Stewart,	R. Bond,	Jackion,	Love,	Cromwell.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Perkins,	N Worthington,	Dent,	Mantz,	Funk,	Oneale,
	Miller,	B. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	J. Bond,	Burgefs,	Holmes.
	J. Johnson,	Taney,	Adams,	Cellars,		16.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn.

On motion, ORDERED, That the printer to the state publish two hundred copies of the bill for the trial of facts in the counties where they arise, which stands referred to the next session of assembly, for the consideration of the people.

Mr. M'Pherson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee appointed on the petition of Belain Posey, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that it appears true, from sufficient vouchers adduced to them, that the said Posey became a purchaser of the land mentioned in his petition, of the late intendant, after having paid the sum of £. 200 to the person from whom he first purchased, and in whom he thought the right vested, and being bound to make a considerable payment to Hancock in November next, in compliance with his engagement ; that having become a purchaser of the intendant, he passed his bond to the state for one hundred pounds.

The committee suggest, that as the said Posey has paid, and is bound to pay, the full value of the said land, in the first instance, and was a very considerable loser by being robbed of one hundred and eighty-four pounds fifteen shillings and six-pence, while a captain, in the flying camp, for which he was obliged to account to the state, he should be, by a law passed for that purpose, released from