

fees; and this general assembly are desirous of granting relief to all reasonable applications by any of the citizens of this state; **RESOLVED**, That the debtors on the said bonds be permitted to pay the interest, or the principal and interest due by them to the public, without any costs, at any time before the first day of August next, and that in the mean time no declaration shall be filed, or any thing further done in the said suits whereby the costs therein may be increased.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, that they purchased from the late intendant of the revenue several parcels of lands, now in the said county, but formerly within the lines of Pennsylvania and Delaware, which lands, or parts thereof, the said purchasers claim title to under the laws of the said states, and request time to produce vouchers to support their said claims; **RESOLVED**, That all process and proceedings against the said purchasers be countermanded by the attorney-general, and not renewed before the end of the next session of assembly, and the late intendant is directed to return lists of such purchasers to the attorney-general and the treasurer of the western shore.

Which were read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.
The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met, and adjourned till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, May 21, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Wright and Mr. Grahame. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill to prevent the inconveniencies arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, was sent to the senate by Mr. Pattison.

The resolutions respecting sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, were sent to the senate by Mr. Wallace.

The resolutions respecting the lands to the westward of Fort Cumberland, were sent to the senate by Mr. Funk.

Mr. Wright is excused for departing the house without leave.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the bill for the instalment of debts, and to regulate the recovery of the same, and on the second reading thereof, the question was put, That the blank in the first enacting clause be filled up with the twentieth day of May, 1787? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E						
Messieurs	Abell,	M'Pherson,	Shaw,	Paca,	Mantz,	Cromwell,
	Hopewell,	Owings,	R. Bond,	John Seney,	Norris,	Burgefs,
	Miller,	Cockey,	Wallace,	Jothua Seney,	J. Bond,	Oneale,
	J. Johnson,	Ridgely,	Bravard,	Jackson,	Love,	Holmes,
	Harwood,	Adams,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Wheeler,	Nicholls. 31.
	N. Worthington,					
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Perkins,	Dent,	Pattison,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	M'Mechen,
	R. Worthington,	Stone,	Steele,	Digges,	T. Johnson,	Cellars,
	Taney,	Stewart,	F. Bowie,	Henry,	Hollingsworth,	Funk. 20.
	Fitzhugh,	Polk,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That any person or persons owing any such debt as aforesaid, not under the value of ten pounds current money, and not exceeding the value of eighty pounds current money, who may elect to instal the same agreeably to the directions of this act, shall, on or before the first day of November next, give bond with good and sufficient security to his, her, or their creditor or creditors, in a penalty of double the amount of such debt, with condition to discharge one half part of the principal sum in such bond mentioned on or before the twentieth day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, together with the whole interest which may then be due thereon, and the remaining half part of the principal sum aforesaid, with interest, on or before the twentieth day of May, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-nine." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Abell,	Ridgely,	Wallace,	Jothua Seney,	Wheeler,	Cromwell,
	Miller,	Adams,	Bravard,	Jackson,	Loockerman,	Burgefs,
	J. Johnson,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Norris,	M'Mechen,	Oneale,
	Owings,	Steele,	Paca,	Love,	Funk,	Nicholls. 27.
	Cockey,	R. Bond,	John Seney,			
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Pattison,	Digges,	T. Johnson,
	Perkins,	Taney,	Stone,	F. Bowie,	Purnell,	J. Bond,
	Harwood,	Fitzhugh,	Stewart,	R. Bowie,	Henry,	Hollingsworth. 21.
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Polk,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.