

Amendments proposed. In the 4th page, and 4th line from the bottom, strike out the words "or the longest lived or successors of them," and insert "and their successors for ever." In the 3d line from the bottom of the 7th page, after the word "trustees," insert "and their successors for ever." In the 15th page strike out the clause respecting the appropriation of the fines and forfeitures.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of the poor of Kent county, was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Crawford, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for altering the time of laying the levy in Prince-George's county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 12, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Downes appeared in the house.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mountjoy Bayly, and others, the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, late collector of Frederick county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in said petition, and are of opinion, that the act passed at November session, 1786, for their relief, is inadequate to the purpose for which it was intended, and that an act ought to pass agreeably to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

A. GOLDER, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Mr. Abell is excused for absenting himself without leave of the house.

The petition of Vachel Downes, was read the second time, and the prayer thereof granted.

Whereas it appears to this general assembly, that Vachel Downes, late collector of the arrears of taxes due from Samuel Ridgeway, Esquire, deceased, in Queen-Anne's county, hath paid into the treasury of this state the amount of said arrears due as aforesaid, but notwithstanding great exertions, had it not in his power to complete the collection of the same within the times limited by law, and that by reason thereof, he is still liable for a considerable sum as interest; **RESOLVED**, That the said Vachel Downes, be and is hereby released from any interest for which he may by law be liable on account of the arrears of taxes aforesaid; provided always, that where interest hath been received from the inhabitants of Queen-Anne's county, either by the said Vachel Downes, or any deputy collector acting under his authority, that then the said Vachel Downes shall be accountable to the person from whom received for all such interest, and the same may be recovered, if necessary, by action or warrant, as the case may be, as in other cases where money has been had and received to the use of the party entitled thereto.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Pattison.

The house appointed Mr. Allen Quynn, jun. committee clerk. **ORDERED**, That he be qualified. Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution in favour of Joseph Clark, endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1787: Read and dissented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

A petition from the securities of Thomas Williams, former collector of the taxes in Prince-George's county, setting forth, that in the year 1780 the said Thomas Williams stood chargeable with a certain sum of continental money, and a quantity of tobacco, being for a treble tax imposed on the property of absentees; that at October session, 1780, the property of the said absentees was seized and confiscated for the use of the state, by which means the tax so imposed was not collected, and still remains as a debt against them; and praying that the auditor may be authorized to liquidate the claim, and credit the amount thereof in the treasury; and a letter from the commissioner for settling the accounts of this state with the United States, of the 11th instant, enclosing a report of the progress made in the settlement of the accounts of this state with the United States; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Francis Clements, of Montgomery county, beg leave to report, that they have considered the allegations therein set forth, and that they appear to be true. Your committee are of opinion, that a new certificate should be issued to the petitioner of the same tenor and purport as the certificate mentioned in the said petition to be lost, bearing interest from the second day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-four, upon bond with sufficient security being given to indemnify this state in case the said certificate so alleged to have been lost shall hereafter appear to be paid. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to the act vesting certain powers in the commissioners of the tax of Anne-Arundel county. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Dent, Mr. John Seney, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Harwood, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Whereas