

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Carroll,	N <sup>o</sup> . Worthington,	Parnham,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Duvall,	Love,
Hopewell,	J. Worthington,	Craik,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	Shryock,
M. Tilghman,	Harwood,	M'Pherfon,	Quynn,	Dorsey,	Lynn,
Moore,					19.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the securities of Thomas Williams, beg leave to report, that they have taken the subject into consideration, and find, by an account stated by the treasurer of the western shore, that when the business of the collection of the arrears of taxes was put into their hands, there was a balance due the state of 12900lb of tobacco, and £. 10152 5 10 principal for the year 1781, and a balance of £. 15959 9 6 principal for the year 1782; that the said securities have settled with the treasurer for the year 1781, except a balance of £. 2909 1 7, due for interest, which accrued previous to the 1st day of January, 1787.

That there still remains a balance due the state for the year 1782 of £. 4133 16 5 for interest, and £. 12290 5 3 principal, as may appear by a reference to said account, to which the committee refer the honourable house for more particular information.

The committee cannot make a full inquiry into the subject for want of information, the petitioners not having attended the committee. They have reason to believe, that a much larger sum of money and certificates hath been received by the said securities than has been paid by them into the treasury.

A great part of the property of the said securities, which is very valuable, hath been lately sold by them, by virtue of an act passed November session, 1785, for less than one fifth of its value. The committee beg leave to remark, that by the act last before mentioned the securities were authorized to dispose of their property on credit, in order that it might sell for the real value, and if it had been sold in proper time it would have produced the extent of its worth, and an annual interest would have accrued, and the debt due the state would have been proportionably lessened; but the sale has been procrastinated until late in the present year, and sold under such circumstances as to induce the committee to doubt the fairness of the transaction, and to be of opinion that it deserves the serious attention of the house.

The committee are nevertheless of opinion, that from the peculiar situation of the said securities, an indulgence ought to be granted to them, to enable them to complete the said collection, on their giving bond with good security, to be approved by the governor and the council, on or before the first day of May next, to pay one fourth part of the balance due, with interest thereon, on or before the first day of December next, one other fourth, with interest thereon, on or before the first day of December, 1791, one other fourth, with interest thereon, on or before the first day of December, 1792, and the remaining fourth, with interest thereon, on or before the first day of December, 1793, in the same species of money as other debtors under the act of the present session respecting the debtors and creditors, &c.

That in case the said securities will not accept the said indulgence, and give bond with security, to be approved as aforesaid, that the attorney-general be and he is hereby directed forthwith to take the proper steps to set aside the said sales, and to recover the whole balance due from the said securities.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

The engrossed bills No. 39 and 48, were read, assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Carroll.

The report on the letter from the governor of Virginia, with an act and resolution of the legislature of that state, was read the second time, and the question put, That the same be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Craik, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs. W. Tilghman,	Ridgely,	Winder,	Hollingsworth,	Dorsey,	Mason,
M. Tilghman,	Ridgely, of Wm. Murray,	Murray,	Quynn,	Norris,	Sterett,
Moore,	Owings,	Shaw,	Seney,	Pinkney,	M'Henry,
N. Worthington,	Sherwood,	Lecompte,	O'Brion,	Love,	Shryock,
J. Worthington,	Kerr,	Bond,	Purnell,	Banckes,	Ott.
B. Worthington,	Lowes,	Matthews,	Houston,		34.

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Hopewell,	Gantt,	Parnham,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	Craik,
Harwood,	Freeland,	Craik,	Duvall,	Lynn,	Ott.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Samuel Hughes, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 25, 1789: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The paper bills No. 25, 27, 28, 39, 38, 36, 46, 34, 29, 30, 37, 23, 49, 48, 42, 16, 31, and 32, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 25, 1789: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

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