

or debtors for confiscated property, and after taking the following oath, viz. "I, A. B. do swear, that I will true examination make into the purchase made by C. D. of the state of Maryland, and determine, according to the best of my judgment, whether the price contracted to be paid by the said C. D. ought to be paid or exacted therefor, and if I am of opinion it would be unjust and inequitable to exact the said price, that I will true estimate make of such abatement therefrom as to my conscience I believe to be reasonable, and return the same under my hand and seal;" which oath being taken, they shall proceed to examine the proofs and allegations, and to view the property, if the same may be done, and also, if they judge necessary, they may send for any information from the offices of the state, and request the attendance of the attorney-general, or the prosecutor for the state of the county, and upon full inquiry they shall make return of their proceeding and determination, under their hands and seals, to the governor and council; and if the governor and council shall accord in opinion with said commissioners, and be also of opinion that the said party or parties applying have discovered a proper disposition to comply with their contracts, they shall direct the former bond or bonds of the said party or parties to be cancelled, and a new bond or bonds to be taken conformable to the opinion and determination of said commissioners; and the said commissioners may charge and receive per day, during the time they are employed, to be paid by the party applying.

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.	Thomas, Hopewell, T. Bond, N. Worthington, Wilkinson, Cheslev, T. Gantt, jun.	Crait, Hawkins, Ridgely, of Wm. Ridgely, Cockey, Sherwood, Kerr,	Waggaman, Denwood, Lowes, Goldsborough, Frazier, R. Bond, Oldham,	Bowie, T. Gantt, Seney, O'Bryon, Dennis, Holland, J. P. Marshall,	Beatty, Burkhart, Prall, Lové, Willson, Douglass,	McMecken, Swearingen, Oneale, Turner, Tomlinson, Jacob.	20.
			N E G A T I V E.				
Messrs.	Carroll, J. Ringgold, Mercer,	Tilghman, Miller,	Hollingsworth, Quynn,	Duvall, Key,	P. Smith, Loockerman,	Ott, Beall.	21.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of William and John Hooper, executors of the late general Hooper, endorsed; "By the senate, November 23, 1791: Read the first time" and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 27, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to.
 "By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the following message and resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 27, 1791.

GENTLEMEN,
 WE have dissented to your resolution of the 28th of November in favour of the executors of the late general Hooper, because we do not think the legislature the proper tribunal to decide on intricate accounts. We have framed a resolution referring the claim to the governor and council, which we hope will meet with your concurrence.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 27, 1791.

RESOLVED, That the petition and vouchers of William and John Hooper, executors of the late general Hooper, be referred to the governor and council, who are hereby authorized and requested to settle the account of the late general Hooper on principles of equity; and if they should allow the whole, or any part, of the claim of the executors, the same to be charged to the United States, and the governor and council are requested to transmit the vouchers therefor to Christopher Richmond, Esquire, together with this resolution, that he may include the same in the account of this state against the United States.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 28, 1791.

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

The clerk of the senate delivers the engrossed bill No. 69, with the paper bill thereof, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1791: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to,"

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

The paper bill No. 69, was sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill concerning petitions for freedom, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, December 27, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."