

Amendment proposed. At the end of the 1st enacting clause insert "provided it shall appear to the satisfaction of such court that such petitioner has been or is supported in his claim to freedom by any other free person besides the council appearing in his behalf."

The clerk of the senate delivers the paper bills from No. 1 to No. 56, inclusive, except No. 45, and the paper bill No. 66, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1791: The engrossed bill whereof this is the original read and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and on further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? And be it enacted, That all debtors for confiscated property on bond, who shall not be released from their purchases by the governor and council, and others, who have or might have installed under the act relating to the debtors and creditors of this state, shall be permitted to discharge their debts as follows; that is to say, all arrears of interest up to the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety, and two thirds of the principal, in specie, or in depreciation or other liquidated state certificates, or in stock created under the act of congress, bearing an immediate interest of six per cent. one third of the principal, in specie, or in stock created under the said act, bearing an interest of six per cent. after the year eighteen hundred, and all interest accruing after the said first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety, in specie only; provided, that no debtor who has already availed himself of the privilege of paying one third of his principal debt in deferred stock of the United States, in virtue of the act of last session of assembly, shall be allowed to make any further payment in such stock; and that no debtor who has paid any less proportion of his principal in such stock, shall be allowed to make any additional payment in the same, farther than to complete the amount of one third of his principal debt; and the times of payment shall be as follows, to wit: one fifth of the principal, and all arrears of interest, shall be paid on or before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-two; one other fifth of the principal, and the interest upon the whole debt then unpaid, on or before the first day of December, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and so annually till the whole debt and interest be discharged. 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	T. Bond,	Sherwood,	Frazier,	Dennis,	Beatty,	Oneale,
	Mercer,	Kerr,	Hollingsworth,	Holland,	Burkhart,	Cresap,
	Wilkinson,	Waggaman,	T. Marshall,	J. P. Marshall,	Wilson,	Tomlinson,
	Chesley,	Lowes,	Seney,	Key,	Douglass,	Jacob.
	T. Gantt, jun.	Goldsbrough,	O'Bryon,			27.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Carroll,	N. Worthington,	Ridgely, of Wm. Miller,	Quynn,	Pinkney,	
	Thomas,	T. Harwood,	Ridgely,	Duvall,	Ott,	
	Hopewell,	Craik,	Cockey,	P. Smith,	Swearingen,	
	J. Ringgold,	Hawkins,	Tilghman,	Prall,	Turner.	29.
	J. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Eccleston,	Love,		

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Eccleston, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	J. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Goldsbrough,	T. Marshall,	Beatty,	Turner,
	Mercer,	Ridgely, of Wm. Miller,	Miller,	T. Gantt,	Prall,	Cresap,
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	Pinkney,	Beall,
	T. Harwood,	Cockey,	Hollingsworth,	Duvall,	Wilson,	Tomlinson,
	Craik,	Tilghman,	Oldham,	Seney,	Ott,	Jacob,
	Hawkins,	Waggaman,	Bowie,	O'Bryon,	Swearingen,	M'Mechen.
						36.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Carroll,	J. Ringgold,	Kerr,	Eccleston,	J. P. Marshall,	Burkhart,
	Thomas,	Wilkinson,	Sherwood,	Clark,	Key,	Douglass,
	Hopewell,	Chesley,	Lowes,	Dennis,	P. Smith,	Oneale.
	T. Bond,	T. Gantt, jun.	Frazier,	Holland,		22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

On the second reading the additional supplementary act to the act to establish orphans courts in the several counties of this state by especial order, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? And be it enacted, That the registers of wills in their respective counties shall be, and by virtue of this act they are, authorized and empowered to pass any accounts of the estates of deceased persons, where the amount of the inventory of such deceased's estate does not exceed the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds; provided nevertheless, that the orphans court, at any time within two terms after the passage or rejection of such accounts, shall have full power and authority to reconsider, and alter or reverse the same. The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. N. Worthington, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	N. Worthington,	R. Bond,	Seney,	Beatty,	Wilson,	Turner,
	Craik,	Hollingsworth,	Barnes,	Burkhart,	Swearingen,	Tomlinson,
	Goldsbrough,	Oldham,	Holland,	Prall,	Oneale,	Jacob.
	Miller,	Duvall,				20.

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