

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "and" in the 7th line of the first page, to the end of the preamble, and insert "this general assembly being willing to grant them some farther indulgence." In the 11th line of the first page, after the word "respectively," insert "for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four." In the 14th line of the 1st page, strike out the word "an" and insert in lieu thereof the words "a proved." Strike out from the word "or," in the 15th line, to the word "due" in the 16th line of the first page, both inclusive, and insert "together with all payments that may have been in any manner made by such person, and the balance then due thereon." At the end of the bill insert "on giving five days notice, by advertisement, at the most public places of the neighbourhood, and at the court-house door of the county, of the day and hour of such sale. Provided always, and be it enacted, That all the books of the said sheriffs, and their respective deputies, in which their accounts as sheriffs and collectors are stated and kept, shall be deposited in the hands of some person in the county town of their respective counties, to be inspected and examined by any person or persons who shall apply for the same, in order to ascertain any payments that may have been made upon his or their account."

Which were read.

And the additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to empower the justices of Caroline county to levy a sum of money by assessment on the property of said county, to erect a gaol at Denton, in said county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, November 20, 1795: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

"By the senate, November 26, 1795: Read the second time and will not pass.

By order,

H. WARFIELD, clk.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Isaac Raven, of Baltimore county, report, that William Raven, late of said county, deceased, was seized in fee-simple of a tract of land situate in Baltimore county, called Norwich, containing one hundred acres of land, and at the commencement of the revolution left this state and entered into the service of the British, and continued in that service until the termination of the war, when he returned to this state, entered upon the said land, and continued in the quiet and peaceable possession until the year 1786, and that since his death the same has continued in the possession of the petitioner, who has, by his petition, disclosed the circumstances which renders the same liable to the operation of the confiscation act.

Your committee find, that the petitioner is the heir at law of the said William Raven, that during the American war he was an infant, and could in no wise participate in the offence of his ancestors; and your committee are of opinion that the extension of the principle of the confiscation act to the injury of those who are wholly free from the crimes which it was calculated to prevent and punish, cannot be justified on principles of justice or policy; they therefore recommend that the state should release to the said Raven all its right to the said tract of land called Nerwich.

All which is submitted.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of James Wilson, Samuel Hughes, and others, report, that they consider the opening the navigation of the river Susquehanna as an object of great importance to the state, and as eminently calculated to advance its commercial prosperity; that arrangements have been made, as stated in the memorial, for removing the existing obstructions in the bed of the river, between Wright's ferry and the Pennsylvania line, the ultimate success of which will be greatly promoted by a lottery; that if this extensive though practicable undertaking is left wholly to depend on voluntary contributions, which can be obtained only from public spirited individuals, its final execution will be injuriously procrastinated, if not entirely defeated; the committee are therefore of opinion that the proposed lottery ought to be allowed.

The committee further report, that the addition to the town of Havre-de-Grace required by the memorialists, the appropriation of part of the product of the intended lottery to the erection of two public wharfs in the said town, the permitting aliens to hold property therein, and the establishment of an inspection of flour and salted provisions, as prayed for, appear to them to be proper.

All which is submitted to the consideration of the house.

By order,

A. GOLDBER, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Solomon Holland, late sheriff and collector of Montgomery county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Davis, Mr. Nutt, and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, secretary of the State of the United States, of the 13th of April last, with the journal of the senate.

The bill to confirm an act, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act to repeal the fortieth section of the constitution and form of government, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E

W. Thomas,	J. Thomas,	Gilpin,	W. Bowie,	Brother,	Jarrett,
Hopewell,	M. Pherson,	R. Bond,	Brown,	Beatty,	Mitchell,
Hall,	Digger,	Wootton,	Baer,	Shriver,	Davis.

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