

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

By the COMMITTEE of CLAIMS, December 24, 1783.

YOUR committee beg leave to lay before the honourable house the journal of accounts and list of debts closed this day, amounting in the whole to the sum of four thousand eight hundred and eighty six pounds fifteen shillings and nine-pence current money; which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

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

Mr. Hindman delivers to Mr. Speaker the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time and assented to.

Mr. Hindman delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the payment of the journal of accounts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill No. 23, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by Mr. Kent and Mr. W. Stevenson.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bills No. 24 and 25, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1783: Read and assented to.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of the public taxes in Prince-George's county; and the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in gaols in this state; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 24, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the third page and fifteenth line, after the word "taxes" insert, "where the said Thomas Williams has not already been allowed a commission on the settlement of his accounts by the commissioners of the tax for Prince-George's county aforesaid."

Amendment proposed. Page 2, and seventh line, strike out from the word "debtors" to the end of the clause inclusive.

Which amendments were severally read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bills ordered to be engrossed.

And also the bill for an addition to George-town, in Montgomery county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, December 24, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 25, 1783.

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

The journal of accounts was sent to the senate by Mr. Hindman and Mr. Digges.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz.

RESOLVED, That no action or suit shall be commenced or prosecuted by any creditor, against his debtor, for any debt, promise, contract, or agreement, created or made before the first day of September 1776, or between that day and the 25th day of December 1783, unless the debtor should refuse to settle the same, by giving bond and security, including interest, to commence at the expiration of twelve months after the same was created, or unless the debtor has removed, or is about to remove himself or his effects out of the state, or shall refuse, after a requisition by the creditor, to settle and adjust the same, by paying the interest and giving bond and security for the principal, until the end of the next session of assembly.

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Harwood appeared as follow:

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

Messrs Harwood,

J. Stevenson,

Magruder,

Oneale,

Wootton.

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