

The additional supplement to the act for the liquidation and payment of debts against persons convicted of treason, 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 25, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Page one, in the fourteenth line, after the word "payment" insert "according to law."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill to regulate trade and commerce, endorsed; "By the senate, December 25, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Page 1. In the third line from the bottom strike out the word "not." In the second line from the bottom, after the word "subject" insert "only;" and in the same line strike out from the word "tonnage," to the word "and" inclusive in the first line of the second page.

Page 2. In the second line, strike out the words "when landed," and insert "at any time after landing." In the 15th line at the beginning of the same line strike out the letter "n," and in the same line, after the word "shall," insert "not." In the third line from the bottom, after the word "of," insert "the minister of his Most Christian Majesty, the minister of their High Mightinesses the United Provinces of the Netherlands, or the minister or ministers of such kingdoms or nations as are or may be in alliance with the United States," and strike out the words "his excellency the French minister for the time being."

Page 3. In the first line, after the word "merchandise," insert "imported as aforesaid."

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On the second reading the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wootton appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	De Butts,	Dent,	Shaw,	Duckett,	Sariver,	Hopper,
	Plowden,	Ridgely of Wm. Job,	Seney,	Ogle,	Keene,	
	Harwood,	J. Stevenson,	Miller,	Kent,	Norris,	Hughlett,
	Ware,	Jackson,	Rowland,	Quynn,	Love,	Edwards.
	Hawkins,	Polk,	Bravard,	Beatty,		

N E G A T I V E.

Mes.	Somerville,	Mackall,	Roberts,	Magruder,	M'Mechen,	Wootton.
	Carroll,	Hindman,	Harris,	Courley,	Oneale,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Bravard and Mr. Rowland:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES DECEMBER 25, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

IT is the wish of this house to put a period to the present session this evening. If there is any business before your honours which requires their attention, they hope it may be transmitted to them as speedily as the convenience of your honours will admit. The prospect of an unfavourable season, particularly to those gentlemen who have to cross the bay, in order to return to their homes, occasions this house to be pressing for as early an adjournment of the general assembly as can consistently with the state of their affairs be effected. They therefore hope for your honours exertions to expedite business, that the members of the general assembly may be subjected in as small a degree as possible to the inconvenience of being absent from their homes at this season of the year, and the risk many of them may run of being precluded from returning to them by an increased severity of the weather.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The house adjourns till 4 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met. Mr. Steret appeared in the house.

The engrossed bills No. 32, 33, 34, and 35, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Plowden and Mr. Edwards.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1783.

Whereas there still remains a considerable quantity of confiscated British property unsold, and there is good reason to believe, from the scarcity of specie, that it will not sell for its full value, unless