

The bill for the benefit of the estate of Anne Catharine Green, endorsed, "By the senate, February 3, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, March 2, 1786: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to restore to Simon Nicholls the collection of the arrearages of taxes due in Montgomery county for the years therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, February 16, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, March 2, 1786: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the bill for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset, endorsed; "By the senate, February 20, 1786: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, March 2, 1786: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Page 1, in the 10th line strike out "the said counties," and insert "Dorchester county." In the 12th line strike out "counties" and insert "county." After the word "same" in the 7th line from the bottom, insert "and the justices of Somerset county for the time being shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, to assess and levy, in equal proportion on the property within the said county liable to assessment, at the time of laying their county rate, the sum of three hundred pounds current money in each of the years seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, and seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, together with the collector's commission of four per cent. for collecting the same." Strike out the word "others" before "offenders" throughout the bill." Page 14, 1st line, after "the" insert "cleanliness."

Which were read:

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the engrossed bills No. 4, 5, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40, with the paper bills thereof, which engrossed bills were thus endorsed; "By the senate, March 2, 1786: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY clk."

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts on Saturday next, and bring in a bill for the payment thereof.

The amendments to the bill for erecting a town at the mouth of Susquehanna river in Harford county, and for appointing commissioners to regulate and govern the same, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of John Steret, and company, agents for Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, beg leave to report, that it is the opinion of the committee, that on the principles of justice, and a reasonable construction of the contract of the 31st day of July 1782, made by Matthew Ridley, Esq; agent of this state, with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, merchants, this state is only bound to pay them tobacco at the place and price stipulated, sufficient to discharge the annual interest on the loan.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that the general assembly ought to make provision by law for payment before the first of November 1786, of all interest due to that time, and of interest on the interest in arrear.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that it be proposed by the legislature to Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, to receive seven and a half per cent. interest on the loan from the time of the loan to the expiration of the third year, and six per cent. afterwards, payable annually, in the month of November, in the city of Amsterdam, in lieu of the payment of the interest in tobacco for the residue of the term of the loan, and until the principal be discharged.

That it is the opinion of the committee, if Messieurs Vanstaphorsts shall decline to accept the above proposition, and signify their dissent, that the governor and the council be authorized to agree with their agent, on the appointment of arbitrators (not citizens of this state, and not exceeding four persons,) two of them to be nominated in behalf of the state, and two on behalf of the Messieurs Vanstaphorsts (with power to the said arbitrators, in case of difference, to choose a fifth person,) to whom shall be referred the determination of the loan and contract, and the terms thereof, and the damages, if any, to be paid by this state, and that this government abide by and perform their award.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that 400 hogshheads of tobacco be purchased as soon as possible, and shipped to the said Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, to be by them sold and accounted for, the sales to be applied to the payment of the interest due on the loan, and that the governor and the council be authorized and requested to draw as much money from the treasury, out of the money not specially appropriated, as may be necessary to make the said purchase.

That it is the opinion of the committee, that it be proposed by the legislature to Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, to extend the loan to a capital equal to the amount of the value of £. 100,000 sterling, for seven years from the commencement of the loan, on an interest of six per cent.

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