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Thomas Williams, late collector in that county, we formed the supplement to the act for the further relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, deceased, late collector of the tax and public dues in Prince-George's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, which has received your negative. Our solicitude to prevent an abuse of the power conferred on the securities, as well as to enable the people to acquit themselves of the taxes in the easiest manner they can, without loss to the public, has induced us to return your honours the bill, with hopes that on reconsidering its subject, it may meet with your concurrence.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and agreed to.

The report on the petition of Robert Long, was read the second time and committed for amendment.

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 11, 1787.

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

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Paca and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare an address from this house to their constituents, respecting the bills proposed by this house for an emission of bills of credit, and for the relief of debtors, which bills were rejected by the senate.

Mr. Turner from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appoint a commissioner to settle the account of this state with the United States; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason, and for a specific performance of certain contracts made by British subjects previous to the revolution. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Paca and Mr. T. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The message of yesterday, with the supplement to the act for the relief of the securities of Thomas Williams, &c. were sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

Mr. J. Johnson brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of William Rafin, one of the securities of Thomas Boyer, late sheriff and collector of Kent county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Johnson.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of Caroline county, for fixing the court-house and prison of that county at Choptank Bridge, and also the petition praying that the same might be erected at or near the centre of the county, beg leave to report their opinion, that it will be proper to suspend the laying out the money appropriated in erecting the said buildings at Mellville's warehouse, now called Perrysburgh, till a full hearing of all the different parties, which your committee are of opinion cannot now be had so as to give a final determination which will be just and satisfactory. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. D. MERRICK, clk.

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

A petition from George Scott, collector of the tax of Frederick county, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

The bill to alter and amend the laws respecting Charles-town in Cæcil county, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. R. Bond.

A letter from the auditor-general, respecting the business of his office, and the appointment of a deputy-auditor, was read.

The bill for the trial of facts in the counties where they arise, was referred to the consideration of the next session of assembly.

On the second reading the report from the committee appointed to inquire what laws have expired or will expire this session, the question was put, That an act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will or testament, be continued? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wright, appeared as follow:

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

De Butts,	Grahame,	Gale,	F. Bowie,	Henry,	Walker,
Hopewell,	Gantt,	Stewart,	R. Bowie,	Mantz,	Hardcastle,
Perkins,	Dent,	Shaw,	Digges,	T. Johnson,	M'Mechen,
Miller,	Turner,	Pattison,	Quynn,	Norris,	Cromwell,
N. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Steele,	Jenings,	J. Bond,	Burgess,
Chase,	Stone,	R. Bond,	John Seney,	Love,	Oneale,
B. Worthington,	Cockey,	Wallace,	P. Mitchell,	Wheeler,	Nicholls.
Taney,	Stevens,				44.

N E G A T I V E.

J. Johnson,	Owings,	Sherwood,	Bravard,	Hollingsworth,	Holmes,
Wright,	Ridgely,	Polk,	Faw,	Funk,	11.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.