

The Bill, entitled, An Act to continue the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned; and the Bill entitled, An Act for enlarging the Power of the Governor and Council; severally read; "By the Senate, December 13. 1779: Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table. By Order of the Senate, December 13. 1779: Read the second Time by especial Order and will pass."

On further Progression in reading the Bill for Liberty of British Property, the following was proposed as an Amendment: "Whereas the People of this State have heretofore been compelled by the Lords Proprietary of Maryland, or the Naval Officers acting under their Appointment and Directions, to pay a Duty of twelve Pence Sterling per Hoghead on all Tobacco exported thence, and the Collection of that Duty continued for upwards of forty Years without any Law to justify the same; and whereas the Payment of Duntrent hath ceased throughout the United States, since the late happy Revolution, and sound Policy requires that the State of Maryland should not be distinguished from all others, and that the Duntrent should cease, as an Equivalent for the Money so unjustly exacted: Be it therefore enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be deemed, construed, or taken, to subject the Inhabitants of this State to the Payment of Duntrent for the same they may have in Possession, or lawfully entitled unto, but that the same shall cease, & be forever hereafter abolished, any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding." The Question being put, (and the Yeas and Nays called for by Mr. Hall, they appeared as follows

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| Affirmative |             |            |           |           |            |
| Jordan,     | Maubbin,    | Ward,      | Magruder, | Hanson    | Hammond,   |
| Mackall,    | Williamson, | Job,       | McGee,    | Beatty,   | Alexander, |
| Grosham,    | Treland,    | E. Hall,   | Ringgold, | Burgess,  | Damos,     |
| Milmer,     | Williams,   | J. Hanson, | Keene,    | Cramphin, | Stule,     |
| Washington, | Winder,     | Banning,   | Dennis,   | Dayly,    | McComas,   |
| J. Hall,    | Dashiell,   | Dirkhead,  | Striker,  | Dey,      | Asher.     |
| W. Hodge,   |             |            |           |           |            |

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| Negative  |              |       |        |           |   |
| Need,     | McStevenson, | Lynn, | Duff,  | McMechin, | } so it was resolved in the Affirmative |
| Lethbury, | Dent,        | Chas, | Gaunt, | Spigg.    |   |

The following was proposed as a further Amendment to the said Bill "And be it enacted, That every Person holding Land in this State shall be answerable for and liable to pay such Compensation, in lieu of and in full Compensation of such Duntrent as the General Assembly shall direct." The Question being put, and the Yeas and Nays called for by Mr. Chapo they appeared as follow.

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| Affirmative |              |       |        |           |  |
| Need,       | McStevenson, | Lynn, | Duff,  | McMechin, |  |
| Lethbury,   | Dent,        | Chas, | Gaunt, | Spigg.    |  |

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| Negative    |             |            |           |            |            |                                     |
| Jordan,     | Maubbin,    | Ward,      | Magruder, | J. Hanson, | Hammond,   | } so it was carried in the Negative |
| Mackall,    | Williamson, | Job,       | McGee,    | Beatty,    | Alexander, |                                     |
| Grosham,    | Treland,    | E. Hall,   | Ringgold, | Burgess,   | Damos,     |                                     |
| Milmer,     | Williams,   | J. Hanson, | Keene,    | Cramphin,  | Stule,     |                                     |
| Washington, | Winder,     | Banning,   | Dennis,   | Dayly,     | McComas,   |                                     |
| J. Hall,    | Dashiell,   | Dirkhead,  | Striker,  | Dey,       | Asher.     |                                     |
| W. Hodge,   |             |            |           |            |            |                                     |

The Bill being read throughout was committed for Amendments.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 9 o'clock