

On the second reading of the bill for the removal of sundry inhabitants off the islands therein described, an amendment was proposed by Mr. Stone seconded by Mr. Quynn, by striking out from the word "suitable" in the last page and sixth line, to the word "thereof" in same page and eighth line, and inserting as follows: "Compensation to the persons who are removed equal to the loss they sustain by such removal, and to the owners of the lands which are depopulated by this law." Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, on motion by Mr. Done seconded by Mr. D Shiell, the question was put, That the words "stock and other," in the second clause, be struck out; and insert the words "except stock," after the word "property;" and that the following clause be added? "And be it enacted, That the lieutenants of the said counties be severally authorized and required to remove all the stock off the several islands and districts above mentioned, as soon as it shall be necessary, to prevent their being of advantage to the enemy." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Holland and seconded by Mr. Griffith appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Lloyd, Brogden, Courts,	Sherwood, Done, Rowland,	Seney, Coursey,	Holland, Shriver,	Ogle, Stull,	Griffith, Oncale.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Bond, Smyth, Pearce, B. Worthington, Hall, Chew,	Weems, Dent, Stone, Wilkinson, Cradock, Hindman,	Job, Brevard, Miller, Magruder, Hawkins,	Kent, Swell, Chafe, Quynn, Dashiell,	Duvall, Taylor, Norris, Wheeler, Smithson,	Hopper, M'Mechee, Fell, Burgeis, Edwards.
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So it was determined in the negative.

The letters from major-general Smallwood, with accounts respecting the recruiting service and vouchers thereto annexed, were read.

A petition from Amos Davis, of Frederick county, was preferred and read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a private nature.

On progression in reading the bill for raising the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, on motion by Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Magruder, the question was put, That there be no class of negroes under eight years of age? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, on motion by Mr. Lloyd seconded by Mr. B. Worthington, the question was put, That plain silver plate be valued at eight shillings and fourpence per ounce? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Lloyd seconded by Mr. B. Worthington, the question was put, That other silver plate be valued at the discretion of the assessor, having regard to the expence of fashioning the same? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Weems seconded by Mr. Fell, the question was put, That all silver plate be valued at eight shillings and fourpence per ounce? Resolved in the affirmative.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr Speaker the bill to regulate the militia, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, December 11, 1782: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In second page, second line from the bottom, strike out the words "three times," and insert "twice." In the third page and second line, strike out the word "nine," and insert "five." After the word "enacted," in the first line of the sixth page, insert, "that the governor and the members of the council, the members of the general assembly, the chancellor, the judges of the general court and of the court of appeals, and judge of the court of admiralty, delegates of congress." In the eighth line of the eighteenth page, strike out from the word "according" to the word "delegates" inclusive.

Also a petition from the visitors of Talbot county school, praying a power to dispose of the land belonging to the said school, to discharge debts due from the said school, and to give the remainder to the college at Chester-town; and a petition from Thomas Cockey, sen. of Baltimore county, praying that a law might pass, directing the register of the land-office to rectify a mistake in the description of a tract of land; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 11, 1782: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

William