

A letter of excuse, from Mr. Steret, for departing the house without leave, was read and accepted.

Mr. Brice Worthington appeared in the house.

The bill ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

The bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, was sent to the senate by Mr. Key.

The bill relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-three, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Faw appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Lethbrury,	Roberts,	W. Bowie,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Love,
	Grahame,	John Dashiell,	Digges,	John Seney,	Faw,	Driver,
	Taney,	Adams,	R. Bowie,	Chaille,	Carey,	Beall.
	Gantz,	Baker,	Chase,	Joseph Dashiell,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Key.	Dent,	Ridgely of Wm. Bracco,	Ennalls,	Norris,
	B. Worthington,	Turner,	Stevenson;	Gale,	Miller,
	N. Worthington,	Stone,	Goldborough,	Waggaman,	Ramsay,
	Jones,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Daniel Bowley, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 16, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE are as strongly impressed as you can be with the ill consequences of prolonging the present session of assembly unnecessarily, but we apprehend it would be much more injurious to our constituents to rise without doing the important business in a proper manner, after a session so uncommonly long, than to spend some time more, and complete the business which the welfare and credit of the state require should be done. We shall give every assistance in our power to complete this business, but we cannot justify passing upon very interesting subjects without due consideration, and the time you mention for adjourning in your message by Mr. Joshua Seney, will by no means allow us a proper opportunity to consider the bills now before us. Had the bills been sent us earlier, as we requested, they would have been decided on before this time; some of them are very important, and those which we have examined, require many corrections and amendments. We hope the public business will permit us to adjourn by the twenty-fifth day of this month, we shall then, with much pleasure, agree to put an end to the session.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Henry Fitzsimons, praying the auditor-general may be directed to issue certificates for the depreciation of his pay as a soldier in the Maryland line, endorsed; "By the senate, February 15, 1786: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Stone, Mr. Ramsay, and Mr. Ridgely of William, to consider and report thereon.

The bill relative to the arrearages of taxes due the state before the first day of January 1783; The bill ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned; and the bill to erect a public gaol in Anne-Arundel county; were sent to the senate by Mr. R. Bowie.

The bill to restore to Simon Nicolls the collection of the arrears of taxes due in Montgomery county for the years therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Beall.

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

T H U R S D A Y, February 16, 1786.

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

Mr. Waggaman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor in the counties of Dorchester and Somerset; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Goldborough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish and regulate post offices for the conveyance of public and private packets and letters to the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lethbrury has leave of absence.

The engrossed bills No. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Digges.