

they would not execute the principle, and therefore, if adopted, would subject the legislature to a censure of inconsistency. The bill has been so long delayed, that it will be necessary to alter some of the days, which we agree may be done by gentlemen to be appointed to examine the bill and insert the amendments. We shall order the part of the bill respecting the discrimination of tobacco to be published, and hope that when the scheme is fully examined, a future legislature will adopt it. We have reconsidered the amendment to the bill for the valuation of land, proposed by us for constituting a general court of appeals, and we can by no means subscribe to the justice of your remarks upon this subject, which appear to us not to have been dictated by a proper opinion of the proposers of the amendment, or the judicature intended to be constituted. We were not to learn, that a knowledge of the law is not necessarily connected with a knowledge of the value of land, but the one is certainly not inconsistent with the other; as both the courts proposed to examine in the last resort, must be admitted to be composed of men of known integrity, and will not be under the local bias or prejudices which sometimes prevail in the counties, we conceive their being accustomed to examine disputed questions, and to determine by the rules of justice, is rather a recommendation than an objection. We apprehend that men, possessed of large bodies of land, will not be more likely to complain without cause, than others, and if there be just grounds of complaint, there ought to be a remedy adequate to the grievance, and to reject a remedy, from a mistaken apprehension that it will be abused, is striking at once at all judicial inquiries. By your proposition, a man may be aggrieved and have no legal remedy, which ought not to be the case, even with men possessed of large bodies of land. But, gentlemen, as we have no hopes of obtaining your assent to this part of our amendment, and the members of both houses are anxious to finish the important business of the session, and the general plan of your bill establishes a better mode of valuing real property than has been heretofore adopted, we agree to recede from the part of our amendment objected to by you, and that the bill may pass corrected accordingly. As the amending the above bills as agreed to by both houses will require attention, we propose, as the most expeditious and correct mode of doing this business, that two members of each house be appointed to insert the amendments and correct the bills, and have appointed William Perry and Daniel Bowley, Esquires, for this purpose.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

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

Mr. Joshua Seney brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report from the conferees; which was read.

On motion, ORDERED, That the treasurer of the western shore lay before this house an account of the payments made to the continental treasurer in virtue of acts of assembly of this state for the last four years, distinguishing the sums and time of payment.

On the second reading the report from the conferees, the question was put, That the house concur with the two first clauses in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the third clause in the said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the last clause in the said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Beatty appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Key,	Carroll,	Gale,	Chafe,	Chaille,	Parnell,
	Bond,	Goldborough,	Waters,	Quynn,	Joseph Dashiell,	Stret.
	Somerville,	Bracco,	Ramsay,	John Seney,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Jones,	Stevenson,	Baker,	Joshua Seney,	Love,
	N. Worthington,	Turner,	Roberts,	Oglevee,	Faw,	J. Bond,
	Taney,	Stone,	Adams,	Miller,	Beatty,	Wheeler,
	Gantt,	Ridgely,	Waggaman,	W. Bowie,	Carey,	Funk,
	Fraizer,	Ridgely of Wm.	Ennalls,	Digges,	Norris,	Oncale.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, March 1, 1786.

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

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, the bill to ascertain the value of the land in the several counties of this state for the purpose of laying the public assessment, and the resolution respecting George Gray, by Mr. Somerville.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 28, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house agree to the alterations of the sum to be paid upon the inspection and delivery of tobacco, and that the bill continue until the end of the next annual session of the general assembly