

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to alter such parts of the second, fourth, fifth and fourth sections of the constitution and form of government of this state, as relate to voting viva voce? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E								
Mel.	T. Worthington,	Lowrey,	Mason,	Johannot,	J Buchanan,	M'Clain,	Haynes,	
	Brown,	Warfield,	A. Buchanan,	Hall,	Geoghegan,	Wright,	Wallace.	14.
N E G A T I V E								
Messrs	Leigh,	Taney,	Rumsley,	Keene,	Tomlinson,	Ayres,	Magruder,	
	Greenwell,	Brome,	Nabb,	Marbury,	Sappington,	Bond,	Riley,	
	Wroth,	M'Pherson,	Hyland,	Quynn,	Shriver,	Potter,	Turner,	
	Tilghman,	Digges,	Cottman,	C. Frazier,	Street,	Orrell,	Beall,	
	Harwood,	Rose,	Stewart,	Thompson,	M'Comas,	Cellar,	Edmondson.	39.
	Carcaud,	Perry,	S. Frazier,	Swearingen,				

So it was determined in the negative.

The following question being propounded to the house, was read, viz. ORDERED, That the committee of claims allow the reverend Mr. Wyatt the sum of — for performing divine service during the present session, and that they place the same on the journal of accounts.

On the second reading of the same, the question was put, That the blank in the above order be filled up with eighty dollars? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E								
Messrs	Leigh,	Carcaud,	Nabb,	S. Frazier,	Wright,	Warfield,	Mason,	
	Wroth,	Taney,	Denny,	Keene,	C. Frazier,	Shriver,	Potter,	
	Harwood,	Brome,	Cottman,	Wallace,	Thompson,	Street,	A. Buchanan,	
	Hall,	Rose,	Stewart,	Quynn,	Sappington,	M'Comas,	Geoghegan.	28.
N E G A T I V E								
Messrs	Greenwell,	T. Worthington,	Marbury,	Bond,	M'Clain,	Swearingen,	Beall,	
	Tilghman,	Brown,	Lowrey,	Orrell,	Magruder,	Perry,	Rice,	
	M'Pherson,	Edmondson,	J. Thomas,	Johannot,	Riley,	Tomlinson,	Turner.	25.
	Digges,	Hyland,	Ayres,	J. Buchanan,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from George Hill, and others, counter to the petition of William Joseph Delafere, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

Petitions from Thomas Nevitt, of Prince-George's county, and Nathan Cregg Bryson, of the city of Baltimore, praying acts of insolvency, were preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. C. Frazier, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate constables fees; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. M'Comas, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom were referred the petition of Robert Amos, of Harford county, and the petition of Archibald Robinson and Thomas Barton, administrators of James Barton, deceased, of said county, both praying that a resolution may pass to entitle them to receive a certain balance due on the treasurer's books, have taken the same into consideration, and find, from a certificate from the treasurer, there is due to James Barton, the sum of three pounds three shillings and four-pence, with interest from the twenty-first of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, being an over payment for confiscated property. Your committee are of opinion that the said James Barton's administrators, Archibald Robinson and Thomas Barton, are the proper persons to receive the same, and therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto Archibald Robinson and Thomas Barton, administrators of James Barton, deceased, of Harford county, or their order, the sum of three pounds three shillings and four-pence, with interest from the twenty-first day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, it being an over payment by James Barton, deceased, and his administrators, for confiscated property.

By order,

J. F. HARRIS, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. P. Thomas, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of fundry inhabitants of the town of Havre-de-Grace, in Harford county, praying an amendment to an act of assembly passed last session of assembly, to prevent geese and swine going at large in the town aforesaid, and also the counter petition, praying a total repeal of the aforesaid law, have taken the petitions into consideration, and find a majority of signers to the counter petition, praying a repeal of said law; your committee therefore report, that they are of opinion that the said law ought to be repealed. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

L. GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting the representation of William Kilty, endorsed; "By the senate, December 28, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 28, 1799: Read the second time by especial order and dissented from."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of James Steele, and others, endorsed; "By the senate, December 26, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By