

On motion, the question was put, That Somerset county be excepted? Determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs	W. Thomas,	Digges,	Nicholson,	Robins,	Shriver,	Bowles,	
	Hopewell,	Worthington,	Brown,	Wilson,	Bennett,	Reintzel,	
	Neale,	Campbell,	Butcher,	Brother,	Driver,	J. C. Beatty,	
	Sprigg,	Duckett,	C. Frazier,	Quynn, jun.	Young,	Beall.	26.
	Parnham,	Baker,					
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs	Spencer,	Brome,	Johnson,	Savin,	Montgomery,	Douglas,	
	Barroll,	Emerson,	Jones,	Quynn,	M'Comas,	Swearingen,	
	Buchanan,	Bourne,	Hyland,	Key,	Winchester,	Oneale,	
	Ridout,	Merryman,	Hollingsworth,	Jarrett,	Cellar,	Clarke,	
	J. C. Thomas,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Prall,	M'Clain,	Tomlinson.	33.
Hall,	Sherwood,	Wallace,					

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Ridout, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, An act for the encouragement of learning in the several counties of this state, and to establish an uniform system of education, be published with the laws of this session for the consideration of the people.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Digges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay out and open a road from a place commonly called Bean-town to Port-Tobacco, in Charles county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to ascertain the allowance of the members of the general assembly, electors of senate, and electors of president and vice-president of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By the senate, December 26, 1796: Read the second time and will pass.
A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to public roads in this state, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was committed for amendment.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 27, 1796.

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

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Long, of Baltimore county, report, that after a mature consideration of the petition, and the vouchers laid before them, they are of opinion that the petitioner has a fair claim to a considerable deduction from his bond in the treasury, but from the complex nature of the subject, and the length of time which would necessarily be consumed in the proper investigation of the same, and which at this late period of the session cannot be conveniently given by the house, beg leave to suggest the propriety of deferring the ultimate liquidation of his claim until next session; and they are the more solicitous to adopt this mode, when no inconvenience can be sustained by the state, as the debt of the petitioner bears interest, and is sufficiently secured; they therefore submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That all proceedings against Robert Long, and his securities, for the sum due this state on purchases made by him of the property of the late Principio company, be suspended until the next session of assembly.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

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

The bill to empower the levy court of Harford county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill to empower the levy court of Anne-Arundel county to assess a sum of money for the purpose therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Alexander M'Kim, a delegate returned for Baltimore-town in the room of Mr. David M'Mechen, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government,