

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

Messrs Hopewell, Campbell, Bennett, Young, Brown, Clarke,	Beall, Hyland, Montgomery, Brome, Sprigg,	Emerson, Bourne, Key, Shriver, J. C. Thomas,	Calvert, McClain, Douglas, Johnson, Spencer,	Barroll, Buchanan, Savin, McKim, Merryman,	Ridgely, Wilson, McComa, Miller, Wallace.	31.
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McL. Butcher, Tomlinson,	Jones, Quynn,	Swearingen, Bowles,	Parnham, Digges,	Jarrett, Ridour,	Hall.	11.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments were read throughout, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.  
The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Richard Alexander Contee, endorsed;  
"By the senate, December 30, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and as-  
sented to."

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the following message :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have finished all the business before us, and as it is very doubtful whether we shall have a sufficient number of members to form a quorum after eight o'clock to-morrow morning, we beg leave to suggest to you the propriety of proceeding to sign and seal the laws at such hour between this and that time as you shall appoint.

By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1796: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amend-  
ments."

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 6th line of the 1st page strike out the words "Leon Changeur." In the 8th line of the same page strike out the words "Joseph Simond." In the 16th line of the same page strike out the words "Alexander Leslie." In the 2d line of the 4th page strike out the words "more than one half" and insert the words "three fourths." In the 16th line strike out the words "more than one half" and insert the words "three fourths."

Which were read.

On motion, the question was put, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto the chancellor and the judges of the general court two hundred dollars each in addition to their salaries allowed by law for the ensuing year? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs Hopewell, Campbell, Driver, Browne, Clarke,	J. C. Beatty, Hyland, Sprigg, Emerson, Key,	Quynn, Brother, J. C. Thomas, Calvert,	Barroll, Buchanan, McKim, Ridgely,	Parnham, Digges, Jarrett, Oncale,	Ridour, Hall, Hollingworth, McComa.	16.
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Messrs Young, Butcher, Nicholson, Beall,	Tomlinson, Jones, Montgomery, Brome,	Bourne, Shriver, McClain, Douglas,	Spencer, Savin, Merryman, Wilson,	Robins, Prall, Miller, Wallace,	Worthington, Johnson, Celbar.	23.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors were read the second time and rejected.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 30, 1796.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE have taken into consideration the amendments proposed by you to an act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and cannot concur in precluding from the benefit of said act the persons mentioned in those amendments, because no fraud or mal-practice appears to have existed on the part of said debtors. We cannot consent to the fourth and fifth amendments proposed by you, they appearing to us in their consequences calculated in a great measure to defeat the benevolent intention of the law.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The resolution authorizing John Brown Hackett to correct certain erroneous certificates was read the second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The report on the letter of Ninian Pinkney was read the second time, the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to lay out and open a road from a place commonly called Beza-town to Port-Tobacco, in Charles county, and the following message: