

therein mentioned. Upon full consideration we are of opinion that the situation of the country does not, at this time, require measures which ought never to be resorted to except in cases of the most urgent necessity. Although we do not think that necessity now exists, we think, under the present existing state of things, such a measure may become necessary before the next annual constitutional meeting of the legislature. If you concur with us in this opinion, we insist upon it, as a duty imposed upon us, the general assembly, to judge of the probability of this necessity happening. We do not think it proper to cast upon the executive the responsibility of calling together the legislature to an extraordinary session, a responsibility most properly attached to ourselves; nor do we think the executive, situated and elected as they are, competent to judge of the feelings, wishes and wants, of the people. We therefore hope the house of delegates will reconsider the message of this house, proposing to them the holding, by special adjournment, a spring session of the general assembly of Maryland.

By order, T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

The resolution relative to Judge Robins, was read the second time, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The following message was read.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 20, 1808.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

WE concur with you in the policy of a spring session; the situation of our country is alarming, and the private property of individuals in a dangerous situation. Having negatived our bill to stay executions, we receive your proposition to meet in the spring as the only alternative to secure private rights and private property.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

And the question put, That the house assent to the same? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.							
Messieurs		Emerson,	Stone,	Kerr,	Mitchell,				
		N E G A T I V E.							
Messieurs	W. H. Brown,	Blake,	Harryman,	Frazier,	Hall,	Robins,	Bayard,	Gabby,	
	Gardiner,	Grahame,	Seth,	Henry,	Callis,	Dashiell,	Jump,	Ray,	
	Welch,	Reynolds,	Stevens,	Cox,	B Hodges,	Hawkins,	Boon,	Bruce,	
	Brice,	C. Dorsey,	T. Moffitt,	Porter,	Muir,	Kuhn,	Stewart,	Tomlinson,	
	Belt,	Green,	Winder,	Page,	J. E. Spencer,	Forwood,	Bowles,	Greenwell,	
	O. Williams,	Rogerson,	King,		J. Williams,	Holbrook,	Tabbs,	Briscoc.	49.
	Merrick,								

So it was determined in the negative.

The following message was read, assented to, and, with the bill therein mentioned, sent to the senate by the clerk.

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, January 20, 1808.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

SEEING the probability of a spring session is now rendered very doubtful, and as we consider, from the particular situation of the country at the present time, it would perhaps be hazarding too much were we to risk another twelve-month before we passed the bill, entitled, An act to prevent for a limited time the sale of lands or tenements, goods or chattels, on writs of execution, and for other purposes therein mentioned, we therefore venture to return to you this bill again, trusting, after a more serious consideration, you will deem it prudent to carry it into a law.

By order, J. BREWER, clk.

Mr. Hawkins, from the committee of claims, delivers the journal of accounts; which was read the first and second time by especial order, assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message.

By the SENATE, January 20, 1808.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

WE have finished the business before us, and are ready to close the session. We therefore hope the governor will be notified immediately that his attendance is requested in the senate chamber to sign and seal the laws.

By order, T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the report of the committee on the alteration of the constitution of the United States, the question was put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next general assembly? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration of the same be referred to the next session of assembly? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.							
Messrs		Emerson,	Stone,	Rogerson,	King,	T. Moffit,	Callis,	Gabby,	
Messrs	W. H. Brown,	Blake,	C. Dorsey,	Jackson,	Dennis,	Page,	Muir,	Bruce,	
	Gardiner,	Grahame,	Green,	Winder,	Henry,	Hall,	Jump,	Tomlinson.	
	Welch,							26.	
	Brice,								