

R Dorsey	Price	Duval	H Hall	Williams	Watkins
H Dorsey	Showers	Meconnikin	Glenn	Bowles	R K Watts 27
C Stewart	Haynie	Harrison			
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Horrell	Hands	Hart	Frey	Davis
Blakistone	Chew	Seth	Griffith	Handy	Houston
Causin	Turner	Banning	Beard	Potts	Lanham
Boyer	Stoddert	Dennis	A D Mitchell	Taney	Washington
Ringgold	Posey	Long	Thomas	Howard	Tomlinson 32
Whittington	Hambleton				

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Lecompte from the committee of grievances and courts of justice delivers the following report :

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the memorial of several citizens of the fifth judicial district of this state, praying the removal of Abraham Shriver, one of the associate judges thereof, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and whilst they are sensible of the respect and weight due to the representation of respectable individuals of this state upon all subjects, they are penetrated with regret, that this memorial should have been deferred until the lateness of the session, and the near approach of the usual period of its rising, preclude that full investigation, which a case of this nature requires on their part, and sufficient opportunity of collecting testimony for the party implicated and interested to make his defence; and although they are free to express their opinion, that this case, when supported by proof, and not fully met and refuted by the party interested, would be a fair case for the interposition of the legislature to redeem the character of its judiciary from appointments which the constitution was specially intended to prevent, yet at this time they are disposed to believe, that the sense of the legislature cannot be as generally obtained, as might have been if the subject had been before submitted to them. They are therefore of opinion, that this subject can be resumed by a succeeding legislature, with more justice to the state and individual; and submit to the pleasure of this house the following resolution:

Resolved, That the further consideration of the removal of Abraham Shriver, and the memorial on that subject, be referred to the next general assembly.

Your committee further report—that with respect to the memorial of Zebulon Hollingsworth, esquire, associate judge of the sixth judicial district, which was also submitted to their consideration, their opinion that the lateness of the session forbids the indulgence prayed by the memorialist.

All which is submitted,

By order,

R. PINDELL, Ck.

On motion by Mr. Lecompte, the house proceeded to the second reading of the said report by special order; on motion by Mr. Kell, the words "presented in the memorial" were inserted after the word "nature," in the 14th line of the report.

The question was then put, That the house concur with so much of the said report and assent to the resolution therein contained as relates to judge Shriver? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Kell moved to amend the report by inserting at the end thereof the following: "And in consequence of the lateness of the session, and the probable impracticability of fully and conveniently proceeding in the enquiry in his case, either on the part of the state or of himself, it is therefore, Resolved, That the further consideration of the case of Judge Hollingsworth be referred to the next general assembly."

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said amendment: "Ordered, That it is inexpedient that the trial of Judge Hollingsworth should be referred to the next general assembly of Maryland, as it is all important to the best interests of the people, that the characters constituting their judiciary should be above suspicion, and that when any individual of that branch of our government shall be impeached before the representatives of the people of heavy charges, that it is a duty owing to our citizens that the same should be decided as speedily as is consistent with justice to the party impeached, and the welfare of the state, as it otherwise exposes the best interests of the state to injury, and gives perhaps an unworthy judge an opportunity to enjoy his salary, when he no longer deserves it." The yeas and nays being required appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.					
H Watts	Chew	Seth	A D Mitchell	Howard	R K Watts
Causin	Turner	Banning	Thomas	Davis	Washington
Boyer	Stoddert	Long	Frey	Houston	Cresap
Ringgold	Posey	Haynie	Quinton	McDonald	Prather
Whittington	Hambleton	Griffith	Handy	Lanham	Tomlinson 34
Horrell	Hands	Beard	Potts		
NEGATIVE.					
Mr Speaker	Warner	Hart	Taney	Glenn	Williams
Blakistone	Harryman	Semmes	Sewell	Driver	Bowles
Sellman	Price	Duval	Bradford	W Stewart	Schnebly
R Dorsey	Showers	Meconnikin	H Hall	Kell	Hager 27
C Stewart	Lecompte	Harrison			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Stoddert asked for a division of the question. The question was then put, That the house adopt the amendment proposed by Mr. Kell? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the house adopt the amendment proposed by Mr. Stoddert? Resolved in the affirmative. The question was then put, That the house adopt the last part of the report relative to Judge Hollingsworth as amended? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Stoddert, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the raising a sum of money by lottery to aid in erecting a church in Charles county. Ordered, That Messrs. Stoddert, Posey and Semmes, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Prather delivers a petition from John Newnan, an old soldier, praying compensation for his services; which was read and referred to Messrs. Prather, Ridgely and Tomlinson.