

N E G A T I V E.

The honourable George Plater, Esquire, president, the honourable George Gale, William Hemsley, William Perry, and John Smith, Esquires.

And the senate being equally divided, the question was lost.

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

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

The honourable George Plater, Esquire, president, the honourable George Gale, Charles Carroll, William Hemsley, William Perry, John Smith, Richard Ridgely, and Daniel Bowley, Esquires.

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The honourable John Henry, and Nicholas Hammond, Esquires.

So it was determined in the affirmative.

Which said bill, with the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state, and the bill for the speedy conveyance of public letters and packets, and for other purposes, was sent to the house of delegates by William Hemsley, Esquire.

The bill to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, was read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

Mr. Craik, from the house of delegates, delivers to the president a bill, entitled, An act to alter the second, fifteenth, and twenty-sixth sections of the constitution of this state, and to disqualify members of congress from holding a seat in the legislature or executive of this state; thus endorsed, "By the house of delegates, December 7, 1790: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

"By the house of delegates, December 10, 1790: Read the second time and will pass, W. HARWOOD, clk."

By order,

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The resolution respecting the public debtors, was read the second time and dissented to.

The following message was prepared and agreed to.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 10, 1790:

GENTLEMEN,

WE have rejected the bill, entitled, An act to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, in compliance with a resolution of the general assembly, which directs no application whatever, from any county, relating to their particular policy or government, shall be taken into consideration, unless it be preferred within a limited time, after the first meeting of the general assembly.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, jun. clk.

The senate adjourns until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

S A T U R D A Y, December 11, 1790.

THE senate met. Present as on yesterday. Daniel Carroll, Esquire, appeared in the senate.

The proceedings of yesterday were read. William Hemsley, Esquire, has leave of absence.

The message relating to the rejection of the bill to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, with the said bill, and the resolution respecting the public debtors, was sent to the house of delegates by William Perry, Esquire.

The resolution respecting the purchasers of part of the confiscated property called the Welch Tract, was read the second time by especial order and assented to.

The president communicates to the senate a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing a letter from the general assembly of Virginia, containing several resolutions; which were read, referred to the consideration of the house of delegates, and sent by John Smith, Esquire.

John Henry, Esquire, from the joint committee appointed to take into consideration the constitution and form of government, and report such alterations and amendments as the said committee may judge necessary, brings in and delivers to the president the following report:

TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND.

THE joint committee who were appointed by the senate and house of delegates respectively to revise the constitution and form of government of this state, and to propose such alterations and amendments as they might judge necessary, beg leave to report, that they have taken this subject into their serious consideration, and made such a revision thereof as the time employed in this inquiry would permit. It will be readily admitted, that to examine an instrument so complicated with that exactness and reflection which its importance deserves, would require more leisure than can be possessed by a committee of the legislature during the various engagements of the session.

For this reason your committee have not ventured to enter into this business with that minuteness which may be expected from the terms of their appointment, and which otherwise might have been expedient, but have deliberated upon such propositions only as different members of the committee thought proper to bring forward. It must be confessed that most of these merited attention, although the adoption of some of them would have materially affected some parts of our government; but on account of their magnitude they were relinquished for the present, and deferred until the sentiments of our constituents can be better ascertained after longer experience. Other propositions obtained more generally the approbation of your committee, and after discussing them with candour, the following were agreed to, and are humbly referred to the consideration of the legislature.

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