

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the honourable speaker.

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

F R I D A Y, December 12, 1777.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. H. Wilson appeared in the house.

Charles Grahame, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act for the regulation of officers fees, thus endorsed, "By the senate, December 11, 1777: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

"By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the paper bill, No. 10, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1777: the engrossed bill, whereof this is the original, read and assented to.

"By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

George Plater, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the petition of Saul Ward and other inhabitants of Somerset county, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1777: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

Also a letter from his excellency Henry Laurens, Esq; president of congress, of the third inst. and a recommendatory resolution of congress of the same date; which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

William Paca, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, &c. thus endorsed; "By the senate, November 13, 1777: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

"By the senate, December 12, 1777: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

And the following message:

By the S E N A T E, December 12, 1777.

Gentlemen,

WE have returned with a negative your bill, entitled, "An act to open a road from John Furry's ferry on Patowmack river, to intersect the road leading from Harper's ferry to Fredericktown in Frederick county; it not appearing to the senate, that the persons through whose lands the road is intended to pass, have had due notice of the petition which accompanied the bill, and which seems to have given occasion to it.

By order, A. C. HANSON, cl. sen."

The house resuming the consideration of the bill, entitled, A supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act to regulate the militia, the question was put, That members of the general assembly be exempt from all militia or military duty out of the state? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Messrs. Ford,	Gresham,	M'Pherson,	Alexander,	Earle,	Douglas,
Read,	J. Hall,	Maddux,	West,	Wright,	Chase,
Plowden,	Worthington,	Strawbridge,	Bowie,	Edelen,	Sprigg,
Lethbrury,	Turner,	Ridgely,	Brice,	Young,	Burgeis,
Maxwell,	Semmes,	Ward,	Quynn,	A. Hall,	Williams.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs. Hammond,	Chew,	Smoot,	Stevenson,	Benson,	Smithson,
Tillard,	Forbes,	Henry,	Magruder,	H. Wilson,	Smith,
Fitzhugh,	Winder,	Deye,	Contee,	Bond,	Crabb.
Somervill,					

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill to revive the proceedings of Queen-Anne's county court. ORDERED, That Mr. Kent, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Wright, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Wright brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the qualification of jurors.

The order of the day for taking into consideration the salaries to be allowed to the chancellor judges, and other civil officers, being read and considered, RESOLVED, That there be allowed to the chancellor of this state the yearly salary of seven hundred and fifty pounds common money; that there be allowed to the judge of the court of admiralty the yearly salary of three hundred pounds common money.

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