

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

Messrs	Ford, Read, R. Barnes, Plowden, Lethrbury, Maxwell,	Gresham, Tillard, Shepherd, Gibson, Henry, Daffin,	Veazey, Ward, Alexander, West, Bowie, Magruder,	Contee, Brice, Quynn, Edelen, Young, Wilson,	Bond, Smithson, Douglass, Smith, Chafe,	Hughes, Burgefs, Williams, Bayly, Crabb.
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Messrs	Lloyd, Worthington, Chew,	Forbes, Deye, Stevenson,	H. Goldsborough, W Goldsborough, R. Goldsborough, Murray, Sheredine, Dickinson,	Mason, Stainton,	Sprigg, J. Barnes.
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On motion, the question was put, That the latter part of the report under consideration, which follows in these words, "And that they do not ratify and confirm the said articles of confederation, until congress shall take the said instructions into consideration, and shall enable the said delegates of this state to give a direct and positive answer thereto; and then not without the express authority of the legislature of this state"—be struck out? Determined in the negative.

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Thomas Contee, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the regulation of pilots, thus endorsed; "By the senate, June 13, 1778: Read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, June 17, 1778: Read the second time, and will not pass.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen"

And a message, which was read in the following words:

By the S E N A T E, June 17, 1778.

Gentlemen,

THE bill for regulation of pilots appearing to us to have many defects, and not being perfectly satisfied of the expediency of such a law at this time, we have given it our negative, rather choosing to postpone a consideration of the subject to some future session, when more leisure and better information may enable the legislature to frame a bill more adequate to the purpose.

By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

A petition from John Riddle, of Harford county, complaining of the conduct of Aquila Hall and Benedict Edward Hall, of said county, being presented to the house and read, ORDERED, That the said petition be taken into consideration on the fifth day of the next session of the general assembly. ORDERED, That notice be given to the parties, and that the clerk issue all summonses that may be applied for.

Mr. H. Wilson brought in a report on the petition of Benjamin Bradford Norris, which was read in the words following:

YOUR committee, to whom the petition of Benjamin Bradford Norris, of Harford county, was referred, beg leave to report, That the facts stated in said petition appear to them to be just and true, as per vouchers to them produced; and further, that, by information given to them by Mr. Jacob Bond, a deed was executed by James Whitacre to the said Norris for the land mentioned in the petition, before he left the state, and lodged in the hands of his attorney, to be delivered to said Norris, on his making payment of two hundred pounds, which payment was not made agreeable to contract, and that the aforesaid deed is now lost or mislaid. Your committee are of opinion, that the laws of this state do not provide for the relief of the petitioner, and