

and therefore are of opinion, an act of the general assembly should pass agreeable to the prayer of the petition. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed per order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, cl. com.

Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplementary act to the act, entitled, An act for king William's school in Annapolis. ORDERED, That Mr. Chase, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Brice, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Henry, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Sheredine, from the committee of elections, &c. brought in a report, which was read in the words following :

YOUR committee of privileges and elections beg leave to report, That by the return of the sheriff of Caroline county, it appears, that Benson Stainton, Esq; was chosen a delegate to serve in general assembly, as a member for said county, in the room of Mr. Henry Downes, resigned. Which is submitted to the honourable house.

Signed by order committee,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Mr. Gibson brought in a report on the petitions of nonjurors, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The house resuming the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole on the articles of confederation, &c. came to the following resolves :

THE committee of the whole house having considered the articles of confederation and perpetual union, and the general assembly of this state having, in October last, given particular instructions to their delegates in congress relative thereto, to which they have hitherto received no answer, RESOLVED, That this state hath, upon all occasions, shewn her zeal to maintain and promote the general welfare of the United States of America : That, upon the same principles, this house is of opinion a confederation of perpetual friendship and union between the United States is highly necessary for the benefit of the whole ; and this house is most willing and desirous to enter into a confederation and union, but at the same time such confederation, in our opinion, should be formed on the principles of justice and perfect equality.

RESOLVED, That the said delegates in congress consider themselves bound by the said instructions, 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.

The yeas and nays being called for on the said resolves, appeared as follow :

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

Messieurs	Ford,	Worthington,	M. Goldborough,	Bowie,	H. Wilson,	Sprigg,
	Read,	Tillard,	W Goldborough,	Magruder,	Bond,	J. Barnes,
	R. Barnes,	Chew,	R. Goldborough,	Contee,	Smithson,	Hughes,
	Plowden,	Forbes,	Murray,	Quynn,	Douglafs,	Burges,
	Maxwell,	Deye,	Daffin,	Edelen,	Dickinson,	Williams,
	Gresham,	Stevenson,	Veazey,	Young,	Mason,	Bayly,
	Lloyd,	Shepherd,	West,	Sheredine,	Stainton,	Crabb.

N E G A T I V E.

Mess.	Gibson,	Ward,	Alexander,	Brice,	Smith,	Chase.
	Henry,					

On motion, the question was put, That this house now proceed to a new appointment of delegates to represent this state in congress? Determined in the negative.

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	Plowden,	Stevenson,	Ward,	Quynn,	Smithson,	Hughes,
	Lethrbury,	Shepherd,	Alexander,	Edelen,	Douglafs,	Burges,
	Maxwell,	Gibson,	West,	Young,	Dickinson,	Williams,
	Worthington,	W Goldborough,	Magruder,	Sheredine,	Stainton,	Bayly,
	Tillard,	R. Goldborough,	Contee,	H. Wilson,	Smith,	Crabb.
	Chew,	Murray,				

Mr. Thomas appeared in the house.

The bill, entitled, An act concerning the gun-lock factory in Frederick-Town in Frederick county, was read the second time, by especial order, and will pass. Sent to the senate by Mr. Veazey and Mr. Sheredine.