

N E G A T I V E.

M e m b e r s	Sewell,	Maccubbin,	Smoot,	Veazey,	Maddux,	Bond,
	Thomas,	Chew,	Eccleston,	Ward,	H. Goldborough,	Stainton,
	Mackall,	Harrison,	Woolford,	Job,	Gibson,	Smith,
	Gresham,	S. Hanson,	Deye,	Evans,	Brown,	Chafe,
	Wilmer,	Polk,	Stevenson,	Gantt,	Chaille,	Hughes,
	Worthington,	Jackfon,	Hammond,	Bowie,	Carmichael,	Cramphin.
	Hal,	Strawbridge,				

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

M e m b e r s	Lloyd,	Ridgely,	Wilson,	M'Comas,	Schnebely,	Burgess.
	Dent,	Magruder,	Norris,	Sprigg,	Bayly,	

Robert Goldborough, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition of Elizabeth Aldern and others, thus endorsed; " By the senate, November 27, 1778: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

A petition of sundry the inhabitants of Calvert county, endorsed; " By the senate, November 27, 1778: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

And a petition of Ephraim Howard, endorsed; " By the senate, November 27, 1778: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order, R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

Which were severally read and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the marine committee of Philadelphia, dated 28th October, 1778, to his excellency, enclosing a letter from Monsieur Gerard, minister plenipotentiary of France.

Mr. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

By the COMMITTEE appointed to enquire into the facts set forth in the petition of James Sterett, Andrew Stigar, and George Lendenburger, of Baltimore-town.

YOUR committee beg leave to inform the honourable house, that they have, in obedience to their appointment, enquired into the facts mentioned in the said petition, and find them truly stated. That Christopher Limes, in the said petition mentioned, did, by his deed made and executed on the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, grant, bargain, sell, assign, and make over, unto James Sterett, Andrew Stigar, George Lendenburger, John Craig, and Richard Button, the houses, lots and lands, goods, chattels, and other things of the said Christopher Limes, in the said deed aforesaid, in trust, that they the said James Sterett, Andrew Stigar, George Lendenburger, John Craig, and Richard Button, jointly should sell and dispose of the same for the purpose of paying his creditors their respective claims. That John Craig and Richard Button, two of the trustees in the said deed named, did, before the fifth day of September, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, and before any disposition was made of the estate of the said Limes in pursuance of the said deed, leave this state, and still continue absent. Your committee are of opinion, that the said Christopher Limes, vested an authority in James Sterett, Andrew Stigar, George Lendenburger, John Craig, and Richard Button, jointly to sell and dispose of his estate, to pay his just debts. That three of the trustees cannot legally execute the trust, and that the laudable design of the said Christopher Limes cannot be attained, unless a law passes, vesting a power in the petitioners to effect the purpose of the said deed. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

Signed by order, NICH. HARWOOD, cl. com.

Which was read a first and second time, by an especial order, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill to empower James Sterett, Andrew Stigar, and George Lendenburger, to sell and dispose of the estate of Christopher Limes, for the purpose therein mentioned.

The petition of Eleazer M'Comb was read a second time, and referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Carmichael, Mr. Chaille, Mr. Wilmer, and Mr. Lloyd, to enquire into the facts therein stated, and make report thereof to the house.

Mr. Hammond hath leave of absence until Monday next.

Mr. Bayly brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

BY the committee appointed to take into consideration the remonstrance from the sheriffs of Washington, Frederick, Baltimore, Montgomery, Harford, Anne-Arundel, Calvert, Prince-George's, and St. Mary's counties, beg leave to report, That in the opinion of your committee, a further time ought to be allowed them for the collection and payment into the treasury of the pound-rate assessed by virtue of the act to raise the supplies for the current year. That a further allowance should be made the sheriffs for the maintenance of prisoners. That in the opinion of your