

in virtue of which guardianship, Samuel Dorsey, had the direction of the whole, but he dying, Edward Dorsey, minor, chose another guardian, on whom devolved the sole management of the aforesaid furnace, the operations of which, by particular appointment, are subject to the orders and direction of those of the owners only who possess at least a share of two sixths. The case being thus circumstanced, and Margaret Dorsey having property in one sixth part only, finds herself unable to comply with the contract entered into by Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq; on behalf of this state, and her deceased husband, in conjunction with a certain John Onions, a person employed to superintend the above furnace, and no part owner. Your committee considering the peculiar circumstances of her case, think her prayer reasonable, and that she is justly entitled to the favour of this house. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

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

Which was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The letter from the commissioners of the tax in St. Mary's county, and a remonstrance of Mr. Daniel Wolstenholme, were severally read the second time and withdrawn.

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Digges appeared in the house.

The following message:

By the HOUSE of DELEGATES, November 30, 1778.

May it please your honours,

WE have spent some time in deliberating on the articles of confederation, and have come to the resolutions herewith sent: Should these resolutions, or the substance thereof, meet with your approbation, we propose that a committee of both houses be appointed to prepare the draught of a declaration, relative to the confederation, and also instructions to our delegates in congress on that and other subjects of importance to this state.

By order, J. DUCKETT, cl. ho. del.

Being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Hall and Mr. J. Hanson.

On motion, leave given to bring in a bill for the special appointment of inspectors, and for other purposes therein mentioned; and that Mr. Hall, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Thomas, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same, the rule of the house for admitting no new business being in the present instance dispensed with.

On motion, RESOLVED, That this house will on Wednesday next take into consideration the state of the navy, with the requisition of congress, and other papers relative thereto.

On a second reading of the bill to raise the supplies for the year seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, the question was put for filling up the blank for the sum to be assessed on every hundred pounds worth of property with ten shillings? Carried in the negative.

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Sewell,	Dent,	Eccleston,	Quynn,	W. M. Beall,	Chase,
	Thomas,	S. Hanson,	Veazey,	Brice,	Key,	Sprigg,
	Mackall,	Maddux,	Ward,	H. Goldsborough,	Wilson,	Hughes,
	Lloyd,	Digges,	Job,	Gibson,	Bond,	Bayly,
	Worthington,	Polk,	Evans,	Bordley,	Norris,	Cramphin,
	Hall,	Strawbridge,	Gantt,	J. Hanson,	Keene,	Crabb.
	Maccubbin,	Smoot,	Magruder,	Fischer,	Smith,	

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The question was then put for filling the same up with twenty-five shillings? Resolved in the affirmative.

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On progression in reading the said bill, an amendment was proposed by striking out from the beginning of the first enacting clause down to the word "provided," and inserting as follows: "And, whereas it is declared by the declaration of rights, that every person in the state (paupers only