

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Worthington, H. Ridgely, Magruder, Bayly, Cramphin, Burgess.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Chase brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for amending and declaring the law in the cases therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. H. Ridgely and Mr. Bayly. And,

A Bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first and second time by an especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Sprigg and Mr. Hughes.

The bill, entitled, An act to vest a fee-simple estate in Elizabeth Childs, of Calvert county, in the lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and will not pass.

Mr. Gantt brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the disposal of the free-school lands in Calvert county, and other purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act to prevent distilling grain into spirits, thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1778: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen.

"By the senate, December 10, 1778: Read the second time by especial order and passed with the amendments proposed.

"By order,

R. RIDGELY, cl. sen."

In the 4th line of 1st page, strike out the words "the commencement of this act," and insert "the tenth day of January." In the 6th line of same page, strike out the word "tenth," and insert "first." And in the 7th line, strike out the word "May," and insert "July." Strike out the last clause, and insert the following: "And be it enacted, That if laws do not pass in the states of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, to prohibit the distilling spirits from the grain aforesaid, before the said tenth day of January, it shall and may be lawful for the governor and council, and they are hereby required to suspend this act by proclamation, until twenty days after they have given notice to the people of this state, that such laws have passed in all the said states."

The report from the committee of claims of the 3d of November last was read the second time, and the question was put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.

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

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| Messieurs | Sewell, | Maccubbin, | Jackson, | Gantt, | Brown, | Stainton, |
| | Thomas, | H. Ridgely, | Strawbridge, | Quynn, | Carmichael, | Potter, |
| | Mackall, | Chew, | Veazey, | Brice, | Bordley, | Chase, |
| | Lloyd, | Dent, | Ward, | H. Goldsborough, | W. M. Beall, | Sprigg, |
| | Wismer, | Digges, | Job, | Gibson, | Mason, | Hughes. |
| | Hall, | Polk, | Evans, | Bruff, | Keene, | |

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| Messieurs | Worthington, | Deys, | Hammond, | Bond, | Bayly, | Crabb, |
| | Harrison, | Stevenson, | Magruder, | M. Comas, | Cramphin, | Burgess. |

The memorial of John Callahan was read the second time, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Bruff, as a committee to enquire into the facts therein stated.

On motion, ORDERED, That Mr. Frederick Green be directed to print one hundred and eighty-two copies of the treaties of alliance and commerce, now subsisting between France and the United States of America, for the use of the general assembly of this state.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims receive no accounts against the public after Friday, and that the journal of accounts be closed on Saturday.

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

F R I D A Y, December 11, 1778.

THE house met. All present as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Bowie appeared in the house.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Prince-George's and Montgomery counties, which follows in these words:

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of Maryland.

WE the subscribers, inhabitants of Prince-George's and Montgomery counties, hereby represent, That the town of Bladensburg, in the first named county, is the most convenient place for the sale of our tobaccos. That the floods now exceed those in former times so much, that about