

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same and affixed the great seal thereto in the presence of the members of both houses.

No. 1. An act for the adjournment and continuance of several of the county courts within this state.

No. 2. An act for the adjournment and continuance of the general court of the western shore, and the several county courts therein mentioned.

X No. 3. An act to make valid the proceedings of the deputy sheriff of Worcester county, after the death of the late sheriff.

No. 4. An act to empower the present sheriff of Worcester county to collect the balance of the five pound tax and county rate not collected by the late sheriff.

No. 5. An act for calling out of circulation the quota of this state of the bills of credit issued by congress, and the bills of credit emitted by acts of assembly under the old government and by the resolves of convention.

No. 6. An act to enable the trustees for the poor of Frederick county to rent out the poor-house, and apply the rent towards the support of the poor of that county.

Mr. Speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

On the second reading the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the blank in the clause for continuing the act of assembly, entitled, An act concerning estates tail, and the jurisdiction of the county courts, be filled with the words "seven years?" The yeas and nays were called for by Mr. Deye and appeared as follow :

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

Mr. Mills,	Dent,	Deye,	Chamberlaine,	Job,	M'Mechen.
Key,	Hanson,	J. Stevenson,	Lawson,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Stevenson,	Freeland,	Shaw,	Earle,	Potts,	Alexander,
	Wilmer,	Causin,	Magruder,	Chase,	Johnson,	Cramphin,
	Hall,	Hindman,	Clagett,	Quynn,	Taylor,	Oneale,
	Maccubbin,	Martin,	Kent,	Morris,	Driver,	Hungerford.
	Brogden,	Jackson,	Wright,	Gaunt,		

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the blank in the said bill be filled up with one year? RESOLVED in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? RESOLVED in the affirmative.

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

F R I D A Y, December 15, 1780.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. M'Comas, Mr. Norris, and Mr. Giles, appeared in the house.

Mr. Duckett, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, to whom the petition of William Merritt, late sheriff of Kent county, and collector of the public assessment, was referred, beg leave to report, that they have enquired into the facts set forth in said petition, which they believe to be true, and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted. Which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with, and, on motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the relief of William Merritt, late collector of the assessment in Kent county. ORDERED, That Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Wilmer, and Mr. Earle, do prepare and bring in the said bill.

The bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, was sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. M'Comas.

ORDERED, That no new business be received after Monday next.

ORDERED, That Mr. Gaunt, Mr. Brogden, and Mr. Wilmer, be a committee to examine the public horses, and make a report of the number and the condition they are in.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Reuben Metriwether, enclosing copies of letters to him from fundry persons in Anne-Arundel county,