

## N E G A T I V E.

Lethbury,  
Dent,Stone,  
Winder,Scott,  
Kent,Chase,  
Quynn,Morris,  
Dashiell,T. Johnson,  
Beatty.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act to continue and explain the powers vested in the special council appointed on the eastern shore, endorsed; "By the senate, June 23, 1781: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

" By the senate, June 24, 1781: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

A memorial from Clement Skerrett, on behalf of himself and others, setting forth, that with other officers of the Maryland artillery, he was incorporated with Harrison's regiment, which made the first regiment of continental artillery, and were entitled to promotion therein; that contrary to the spirit and intention of that incorporation, they have been deprived of their just promotion, and that their men have been taken from them, and are still in the same regiment under Virginia officers; that rather than become supernumerary, they wish to succeed to commands in the new corps of infantry and cavalry about to be raised; was preferred and read.

Thomas Stone, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Job Garretson, setting forth, that he was appointed collector in Baltimore county last fall, and gave bond according to law; that some time afterwards he was made sheriff of said county, and having demands for, was obliged to make use of, large sums of money to supply the prisoners in the public gaol, whereby he was prevented from making payment as by law directed; that in consequence thereof, suits were commenced against him and his securities; that he has claims against the public, which he cannot discount, and as judgment is obtained against him, and suspended only till after the present session of assembly, prays relief may be granted him; and a petition from Richard Owens, Elijah Merryman, Clement Greene, and John Murray, setting forth, that they were severally appointed collectors in separate districts in Baltimore county, and gave bonds agreeable to the assessment law; that from difficulties attending the collection of public dues, they were prevented from making payments into the treasury within the time prescribed; that in consequence thereof, suits are separately commenced against them and their securities, and judgments obtained, with a stay of execution until the end of the present session, and praying relief; severally endorsed; "By the senate, June 24, 1781: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

On the second reading the bill to prevent disaffected emigrants from settling in this state, and to detect and punish the disaffected, &c. the question was put, That the following be struck out? "And be it enacted, That the following persons, or any — or more of them, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners in the respective counties following, viz. For Saint Mary's county, —, and the said commissioners for each county shall, as soon as may be, meet at the place where their respective county courts are usually held, and take the following oath, to wit; I, A. B. do swear, that I will well and truly execute the powers and authorities given to me as commissioner of — county, by the act to prevent disaffected emigrants from settling in this state, and to detect and punish the disaffected and marauders, and to prevent any correspondence or trade with the enemy, and to punish certain misdemeanors, according to the said act, and the best of my knowledge and judgment, and therein will grieve no person for malice, hatred or ill-will, nor any person will spare through favour or affection, or for any reward, or hope thereof, and that I will not discover (unless to the general assembly, the governor and the council, or some court of judicature) any matter or thing which may come to my knowledge in the execution of my duty as commissioner, which may prejudice the state, or any person acting with me as a commissioner, or any person giving information. So help me God. Which oath any of the said commissioners may administer to any other of them.

"And be it enacted, That the commissioners of each county shall meet together, at such convenient times and places as they may think proper, by adjournment or otherwise, and may and shall enquire and consider of the general conduct and behaviour of those of their county, whose example, from their abilities, fortune, or station in life, may probably influence the conduct of others, and if the said commissioners shall in their conscience believe, that any such inhabitant of their county, by his general conduct or conversation, countenances and spreads dissatisfaction or disaffection amongst the subjects of this state, or advises or encourages any resistance to this government or its laws, and that the example of such person may be prejudicial to the state, the said commissioners may and shall issue their warrant to the lieutenant, sheriff, or any field or commanding officer of the militia of the county where such person shall live or reside, to arrest such person and bring him before them, together with his papers if they see fit, and may examine