

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1781. 41

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Mills,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Seney,	Taylor,	Chapline;
	Cadwalader,	S. Worthington,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Norris,	Burgefs,
	Stevenson,	Hindman,	Rowland,	Chafe,	Wilson,	Griffith,
	N. Worthington,	Eccleston,	Hawkins,	Quynn,	Stull,	Bayly.
	B. Worthington,	Job,	Kent,	Beatty,	Sprigg,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the value of land shall be ascertained in the several counties, and the highest and lowest prices shall be fixed for the best and worst lands in each county respectively, over or under which the several assessors shall not go in valuing the same, leaving the lands of intermediate quality to the skill and judgment of such assessors, who, in valuing the same, shall have regard to the rates hereafter fixed; that in each and every county of this state, lands of the best quality shall be valued at four pounds, and lands of the worst quality at not less than five shillings, common money, per acre? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely appeared as follow:

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

Mef.	Cadwalader,	E. Worthington,	Chew,	Duckett;	M'Mechen,	Griffith;
	N. Worthington,	Fitzhugh,				

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Messieurs	Forrest,	Taney,	Eccleston,	Hawkins,	Quynn,	Stull,
	Thomas,	Ridgely,	Job,	Kent,	Beatty,	Sprigg,
	Mills,	S. Worthington,	Miller,	Seney,	Taylor,	Chapline,
	Lloyd,	Hindman,	Brevard,	Coursey,	Norris,	Burgefs,
	Stevenson,	Stone,	Rowland,	Chafe,	Wilson,	Bayly.

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, December 19, 1781.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Howard and Mr. Jenifer. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Lawrence Oneale, a delegate returned for Montgomery county, appeared, and after qualifying in the usual manner, took his seat in the house. Mr. Stull has leave of absence.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to appropriate certain lands to the use of the officers and soldiers of this state, and for the sale of vacant lands; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and the other expences of civil government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The engrossed bill No. 3, was read and assented to, the paper bill so endorsed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Chew and Mr. Taney.

On progression in reading the bill to raise the supplies, the question was put, That the stock in trade of persons carrying on merchandise be assessed at the same rate as other property, that the goods on hand at the time of assessment be considered as part of the stock, and that such part of the property of any person as may be employed in trade be returned by the assessor distinct from the other property such person may have? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wilson, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Forrest,	Brogden,	S. Worthington,	Brevard,	Seney,	Burgefs,
	Mills,	Fitzhugh,	Hindman,	Rowland,	Coursey,	Griffith,
	N. Worthington,	Chew,	Eccleston,	Hawkins,	Beatty;	Bayly,
	Hall,	Taney,	Job,	Duckett,	Chapline,	Oneale.
	B. Worthington,	Stone,	Miller,	Kent,		

N E G A T I V E.

Mef.	Thomas,	Lloyd,	Ridgely,	Quynn,	Norris,	Wilson,
	Cadwalader,	Stevenson,	Chafe,	Taylor,	M'Mechen,	Sprigg.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition from Benjamin Keene, of Dorchester county, setting forth, that from losses sustained by the depredations of the enemy, he is rendered unable to pay his assessment, and therefore praying relief, was laid before the house and read.