

general assembly. The subject being of great importance, we wish your honours to appoint one or more of your members to join said committee, by which means the sense of both houses may be more expeditiously collected.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

John Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker two letters from his Excellency the governor, one enclosing a calculation made by the register of the land-office, of the expence to make extracts of all grants and certificates relative to the lands on the eastern shore, &c. the other enclosing a letter from Matthew Ridley, of the 12th of September, and also the appointment, commission, bond, and instructions to Samuel Chase, Esq; endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read,

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from Benjamin Ogle, Esq; declining to accept of his appointment as a member of the council; a report from the commissioners appointed to view the river Susquehanna, and to employ proper persons to make a survey thereof; and also proposals for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water; endorsed; "By the senate, December 2, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill relating to public roads; and Mr. Hall, Mr. Lethbrury, and Mr. Kent, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal the third section of an act passed in April 1782, entitled, An act to prevent suits on certain debts for a limited time, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The order of the day, relative to the petition of sundry inhabitants of Baltimore county, and the counter petition thereto of Robert Woodcock and others, being read, the question was put, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted? Resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 3, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. M^cMechen. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Jacob and Mr. Hawkins appeared in the house.

The report from the commissioners appointed to view the river Susquehanna, &c. and the proposals for making said river navigable, were read, and referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Job, Mr. Charles Ridgely, Mr. Hall, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

The house proceeded to take into consideration the order of the day, and upon the second reading the bill to raise the supplies for the year 1784, the question was put, That "plantation utensils, the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations," be struck out of the exceptions? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Somerville,	Grahame,	Dent,	Bravard,	Sulivane,	Swingie,
	De Butts,	Ireland,	J. Stevenson,	Digges,	Ogle,	Oneale,
	Maxwell,	Ware,	Harris,	Magruder,	Norris,	Edwards.
	B. Worthington,	Hanson,	Job,	Kent,	Wheeler,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Stevenson,	Mackall,	Jackson,	Rowland,	Holland,	Hughlett,
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely of Wm.	Polk,	Sewell,	Love,	Steret,
	Hall,	Ridgely,	Sulivane,	Coursey,	Hopper,	Jacob.
	Carroll,	Hindman,	Miller,	Quynn,	Keene,	

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the negative by the honourable speaker.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, "That the working tools of mechanics and manufacturers, actually and constantly employed in their respective occupations," be struck out? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That "ready money" be struck out of the exceptions? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Dent appeared as follow:

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