

Benedict E. Hall, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution of this day respecting negro Will, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read and assented to."

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mrs. Rebecca Hanfon and Miss Catherine Dulany, endorsed; "By the senate, December 1, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read the second time and will pass."

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

A bill, entitled, An act respecting the tonnage of vessels, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And a petition from sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's, Charles, Prince-George's, and Anne-Arundel counties, praying to be heard by counsel at the bar of the house, respecting a vessel purchased by them for the security of the inhabitants on the river Patuxent and parts adjacent, endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

Mr. Ware, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of George Shipley, junior, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same into consideration, and find the facts therein stated to be true, and are therefore of opinion, that a law ought to pass agreeable to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Thomas Bailey, of Baltimore county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely and Mr. J. Stevenson.

Mr. Lethrbury has leave of absence.

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

F R I D A Y; December 5, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Lethrbury. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill for altering the time of holding the courts in Saint Mary's, Charles, Prince-George's, Calvert, and Worcester counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain fees to justices for services done out of court? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	De Butts,	Dent,	Polk,	Kent,	Shriver,	Steret,
	W. Stevenson,	J. Stevenson,	Sullivan,	Quynn,	Hopper,	Swingle,
	Dunn,	Ridgely,	Job,	Morris,	Keene,	Jacob,
	Grahame,	Hindman,	Miller,	Holland,	Hughlett,	Edwards.
	Mackall,	Jackson,	Bravard,	Beatty,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Somerville,	Ware,	Harris,	Digges,	Ogle,	Love,
	N. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Rowland,	Magruder,	Norris,	Oneale.
	Ireland,	Hanson,	Duckett,	Coursey,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Morris, Mr. Polk, and Mr. Steret, were appointed a committee to prepare and bring in the said bill.

A petition from Mary M'Clean, of Kent county, praying that a petition heretofore presented may be taken into consideration, and the several matters therein contained granted, was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. Kent, and Mr. Dunn, to consider and report thereon.

A petition