

side of the said river, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 10, 1783.

GENTLEMEN,

WE agree that a joint letter be written by the president of the senate and speaker of the house of delegates, notifying to the gentlemen chosen delegates to congress their appointment.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Richard Barnes, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bill, and requests the attendance of this house for that purpose.

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

No. 10. An act to enable the governor to issue commissions of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery in certain cases.

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

On the second reading of the bill to raise the supplies for the year 1784, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That all constables of every hundred in a county shall and may be called upon by the commissioners, or the major part of them, to attend them, and give information of any changes they may know of property; and such constables shall be obliged to attend when called upon, under the penalty of ten pounds current money, and shall deliver in to the commissioners aforesaid the names of all and every person or persons who may come to their knowledge, and may not be on the assessors returns for the year 1783, and shall have as a reward for their trouble and attending said days, the sum of five shillings current money per day, to be paid or discounted out of their assessment. Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And, as a rule for the commissioners to ascertain the value of ground rent in Annapolis, Frederick, Baltimore, and other towns, the lessors of ground rent to the amount of six pounds shall be assessed as for one hundred pounds capital, and in the same proportion for any greater or less sum, and the lessees shall be assessed on the actual worth of the improvements made since the lease, and the present value of the land, after deducting therefrom the value thereof at the time of the lease, which value shall be estimated at one hundred pounds for every six pounds of the ground rent reserved, and so pro rata for every greater or less sum; and the lessees shall be chargeable with and pay the sum rated to the lessors, and deduct the same out of the rent; and it is the intention of this act, that lessors of ground rent be chargeable in no case, but only on the rent they receive." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Maxwell has leave of absence.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That all tobaccos in the several warehouses during the year 1784 shall, instead of assessment as usual, pay per hoghead one shilling? 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,	N. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Harris,	Duckett,	Keene,
	De Butts,	Grahame,	Hanson,	Jackson,	Digges,	Oneale,
	Plowden,	Ware,	Hindman,	Shaw,	Magruder,	Wootton.
	B. Worthington,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Stevenfon,	Ridgely,	Bravard,	Quynn,	Ogle,	Hughlett,
	Maxwell,	Scott,	Seney,	Morris,	Norris,	Steret,
	Dunn,	Job,	Sewell,	Holland,	Love,	M'Meichen,
	Ridgely of Wm.	Miller,	Kent,	Beatty,	Wheeler,	Swingle,
	J. Stevenfon,	Rowland,	Courfey,	Shriver,	Hopper,	Edwards.

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? "And be it enacted, That all tobaccos in the several warehouses during the course of the year 1784 shall, instead of assessment or rate as usual, pay per hoghead the sum of one shilling and six-pence current money; and the several inspectors are authorized and required to receive the assessment or rate aforesaid before the tobaccos be delivered out, except only in case of tobacco purchased for the use of this state, or the United States, or either of them; and in case any inspector deliver out such tobaccos, after notice of such rate or assessment, without receiving