

The order of the day being read, the house proceeded to take the same into consideration, and after some time spent in debate thereon, the question was put, That the petitions and counter petitions, for the removal of the court-house in Charles county, and laying out a new town, be referred to the third Thursday of the next session of assembly? Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Harris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition from a number of inhabitants of Dorchester county, praying that an act may pass, to empower the justices of said county to purchase a piece of ground sufficient for the purpose of erecting a poor-house, and to contract with a proper person to build the same, and to levy a sufficient sum of money to defray the expence of the same, having duly considered the several matters set forth in said petition, are of opinion that the prayer thereof is reasonable, and ought to be granted. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M'PHERSON, clk.

The bill to empower Edward Dorsey, administrator of Samuel Dorsey, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Samuel, was sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn and Mr. Magruder.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial from John D. Thompson, of Cecil county, praying that the general assembly will explain the intention and spirit of several laws relating to substitutes; a petition from Robert Wood, a languishing prisoner in Frederick county gaol, praying to be relieved therefrom; a petition from Andrew Hull, of Frederick county, praying that the act of assembly empowering John Groff to open a road from said Groff's mill to intersect the road leading from Marsh creek to Baltimore-town, may be repealed; and a letter from Thomas Stone, Esq; of the 9th of this instant, accepting his appointment as a delegate in congress; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1783: "Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were read.

On progression in reading 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 from all interest of money or tobacco which shall become due between the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-four, and the first day of January seventeen hundred and eighty-five, if paid at the time it becomes due, or within one month thereafter, the debtor may deduct one twelfth part of the said interest, any agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, and any contract hereafter made to the contrary shall be void in law; and if any creditor shall refuse to allow such deduction, he shall forfeit treble the sum of money or quantity of tobacco by him so refused to be deducted, to the use of such debtor, and such debtor may recover the forfeiture on warrant, before a justice of the peace if the sum does not exceed his jurisdiction, and if it does, by action at law, as for money or tobacco received to his use." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	De Butts,	N. Worthington,	Hindman,	Polk,	Scott,	Holland,
	W. Stevenson,	Grahame,	Jackson,	Shaw,	Coursey,	M'Mechen.
	B. Worthington,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Somerville,	Ware,	Harris,	Magruder,	Beatty,	Hopper,
	Plowden,	Hawkins,	Job,	Seney,	Shriver,	Keene,
	Key,	Hanson,	Miller,	Sewell,	Ogle,	Hughlett,
	Dunn,	Dent,	Bravard,	Kent,	Norris,	Swingle,
	Hall,	Ridgely of Wm.	Duckett,	Quynn,	Love,	Oneale,
	Ireland,	Ridgely,	Diggs,	Morris,	Wheeler,	Edwards.

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 15, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Sewell, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Holland, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Harwood, Mr. Hindman, and Mr. Duckett. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Mackall appeared in the house.

A petition from Simon Nicholls, late collector of Montgomery county, praying a further time to complete his collection, was preferred and read.

Mr. Swingle has leave of absence.

A petition from Robert Crawford, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to confirm an estate in fee simple of a tract of land lying in Middlesex hundred, Baltimore county, which