

The bill to empower Edward Downes to collect, by distress and sale, the arrears due for the public and county assessments to the late collector of Queen-Anne's county; the bill to open and establish a public road in Dorchester county; the bill to empower the vestry of Somerset parish, in Somerset county, to sell and dispose of a part of the negroes belonging to said parish, for the purposes therein mentioned; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill appointing commissioners to contract for the building a court-house and prison in Montgomery county, and for other purposes, endorsed; "By the senate, December 15, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the relief of Joseph Cresap, of Washington county, endorsed; "By the senate, November 22, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 16, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

And, the bill to empower Edward Dorsey, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Samuel Dorsey, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, to sell and dispose of the real estate of the said Samuel, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the second time and will not pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to empower the justices of Dorchester county to levy a sum of money on the inhabitants of said county, for the purpose of erecting a poor-house for the relief of the poor of the said county, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to authorize and empower Robert Ballard, administrator of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, of Jonathan Plowman, late of Baltimore county, deceased, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the second page and interlineation of the eighth line from the bottom, strike out from the word "testament" to the end of the clause.

Which was read.
 And, a memorial from Thomas Harwood, 3d. and others, of Prince-George's county, securities for Thomas Williams, late collector of Prince-George's county, praying the collection to be taken out of the hands of the said Thomas Williams, and the powers of collection to be vested in them, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1783: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the fourth section of the additional supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, be continued? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	W. Stevenson,	Scott,	Bravard,	Quynn,	Ogle,	Keene,
	Ridgely of Wm.	Job,	Señey,	Morris,	Norris,	Huggett,
	Harris,	Miller,	Kent,	Beatty,	Love,	Edwards.
	Polk,	Rowland,	Coursey,	Shriver,	Wheeler,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Somerville,	B. Worthington,	Mackall,	Hawkins,	Shaw,	Hammond,
	De Butts,	N. Worthington,	Harwood,	Dent,	Diggles,	Crutcher,
	Plowden,	Grahame,	Ware,	Jackson,	Magruder,	Wootton.
	Key,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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