

T H U R S D A Y, December 18, 1783.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Hindman appeared in the house.

A counter petition from Stephen Steward, of Anne-Arundel county, to the petition of Mordecai Smith, of Calvert county, was preferred and read.

The report on the petition of Mordecai Smith, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Shaw appeared as follow :

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

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| Messieurs | Somerville, | B. Worthington, Ware, | Hindman, | Digges, | Morris, |
| | De Burts, | N. Worthington, Hawkins, | Jackfon, | Coursey, | Hammond, |
| | Plowden, | Carroll, | Dent, | Quynn, | M ^c Mechen. |
| | W. Stevenfon, | Grahame, | Ridgely of Wm. Shaw, | | |

N E G A T I V E.

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| Messieurs | Mackall, | Rowland. | Seney, | Ogle, | Wheeler, | Hughlett, |
| | Harwood, | Bravard, | Kent, | Norris, | Hopper, | Oneale, |
| | Job, | Magruder, | Shriver, | Love, | Keene, | Wootton. |
| | Miller, | | | | | |

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The message from the senate of yesterday, by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; was read the second time, and the following message, in answer thereto, was prepared and sent to the senate by Mr. Ware and Mr. Dent.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 18, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house accede to the proposition contained in your message of yesterday by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; for adjourning on Wednesday next, or on Tuesday next if in our power, and will do our endeavour to send you the civil list bill, and all others of importance, in time for your deliberation.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bills No. 11 and 12, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. Ware and Mr. Dent.

The memorial of Thomas Harwood, and others, was referred to Mr. M^cMechen, Mr. Key, and Mr. Quynn, to consider and report thereon.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Mordecai Gosnell, beg leave to report, That they have examined the same, and affidavits upon the subject, and are of opinion, that the allegations therein contained are true; that the said Gosnell, a few years ago, was reduced to poverty and wretchedness by the cruel depredations of the Indians; that the said Gosnell is a very poor man, with a wife and a number of small children, who depend entirely on his labour for support; that if the said Gosnell is obliged to pay the sum of ninety-three pounds, which he was robbed of, as mentioned in his petition, the same will ruin him and his family, and do therefore recommend him to the mercy of the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. H. M^cPERSON, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to empower the justices of Montgomery county to assess and levy a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; and Mr. Wootton, Mr. Oneale, and Mr. Edwards, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Shaw delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the raising of swine and geese in the town of Vienna, in Dorchester county; which was read the first and second times by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Shaw and Mr. Hopper.

The report on the memorial of John Johnson, was read the second time and concurred with. A petition from John Usher Charlton, praying that the auditor be directed to adjust his account for pay due while in the continental service, and grant him certificates for the depreciation of his pay; and a petition from Joseph Wood, of Frederick county, praying an act may pass to confirm his title to one hundred and seven acres of land, part of Monocacy manor, heretofore purchased by him of Christopher Edelen; were preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Somerville, Mr. Hammond, and Mr. Beatty, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Harris delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to prevent the raising swine at Talbot court-house, in Talbot county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.