

The letter from his Excellency the Governor, of the 20th instant, was read the second time, and thereupon RESOLVED, That the governor be requested to deliver the chest of books to Robert Smith, late secretary to Sir Robert Eden while governor of Maryland, mentioned in his letter of the 20th instant.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Keene and Mr. Hughlett.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate by Mr. Keene and Mr. Hughlett:

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 23, 1783.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house are determined to rise to-morrow, and have agreed to adjourn to the second Monday of April next. We wish you to send us the resolution relative to the per diem allowance to the members of the general assembly, to enable the committee of claims to close the journal of accounts.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

On the second reading of the bill to settle and pay the civil list, the question was put, That the salary to the governor be twelve hundred and fifty pounds? 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.

Mr. Plowden,	Harwood,	Roberts,	Shaw,	Coursey,	Hopper,
W. Stevenfon,	Hindman,	Harris,	Seney,	Quynn,	M' Mechen.

N E G A T I V E.

Meffieurs	Somerville,	Hall,	Ridgely of Wm. Miller,	Kent,	Keene,
	De Butts,	Mackall,	J. Stevenfon,	Morris,	Hughlett,
	Key,	Ware,	Jackson,	Shriver,	Oneale,
	B. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Scott,	Norris,	Edwards,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Job,	Magruder,	Wootton.

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the salary to the governor be one thousand pounds? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the judges of the general court be allowed four hundred pounds current money each? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

Meffieurs	Somerville,	W. Stevenfon,	Roberts,	Shaw,	Kent,	Hopper,
	De Butts,	Hall,	Harris,	Scott,	Coursey,	Keene,
	Plowden,	Harwood,	Jackson,	Rowland,	Quynn,	M' Mechen.
	Key,	Hindman,	Polk,			

N E G A T I V E.

Meffieurs	B. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Job,	Magruder,	Norris,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Miller,	Seney,	Love,	Edwards,
	Mackall,	Ridgely of Wm. Bravard,	Morris,	Hughlett,		Wootton.
	Ware,	J. Stevenfon,	Duckett,	Shriver,		

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the judges of the general court be allowed three hundred and fifty pounds each? Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, ORDERED, That the committee of claims close the journal of accounts to-morrow, and bring in a bill for the payment thereof.

Edward Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution respecting the per diem allowance, and the resolution requesting the governor to deliver a chest of books to Mr. Robert Smith, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution directing the Intendant of the revenue to provide money to discharge the journal of accounts, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1783: Read and assented to.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to raise the supplies for the ensuing year, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1783: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed,

A bill,