

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 16, 1784.

GENTLEMEN,

THE disadvantages which the trade of the state is subjected to in consequence of the entrance into the Chesapeake bay being without a light-house, induces the senate to propose the establishment of one in that quarter to your serious deliberation; but as the advantages arising from a light-house will be shared between Virginia and Maryland, it would appear reasonable that all expences attending the same be proportioned between the two states. The senate therefore beg leave further to suggest for consideration, the propriety of empowering the intendant of the revenue to concert a plan with the state of Virginia, and to lay the same before the general assembly at their next meeting.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which were read.

The order of the day respecting the report to estimate the supplies for the year 1785, is postponed till to-morrow morning.

On the second reading the report from the conferrees, the question was put, That this house concur with the said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Hall appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Key,	Fraizer,	John Dashiell,	Steel,	Seney,	Chaille,
	Cadwalader,	Ridgely of Wm.	Waters,	Bravard,	Sewell,	Joseph Dashiell,
	Graves,	Hindman,	Elzey,	Gantt,	Chafe,	Bearry,
	Carroll,	Roberts,	Shaw,	Digges,	Quynn,	Carey,
	Grahame,	Gibson,	Scott,	Johnson,	Townshend,	M'Mechen.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Ware.	Miller,	Love,	Hardcastle,	Swingle,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Job,	Bond,	Stull,	Cramphin,
	Hall,	Hanson,	Ogievee,	Wheeler,	Cellars,	Oncale.
	Ianey,	Harris,	Norris,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. G. Scott, and Mr. Key, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

James M'Henry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the intendant of the revenue of this day, relative to some purchases made of confiscated property belonging to the Principio company, with sundry enclosures, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

A memorial from Robert Long of Baltimore county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1784: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And the bill to ascertain, establish and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town, endorsed; "By the senate, December 10, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie "on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, December 16, 1784: Read the second time with the proposed amendment and "will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "to" in the eighth line to the end of the bill inclusive, and insert, "lay off the public ground at Queen's-town and make a plot of the same, and to take and reduce to writing all evidence and proof to the bounds and location of the said ground, and the same, with the plot by them made, to record among the records of Queen-Anne's county, in perpetual memory of the said bounds and location."

Which was read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying a sum to be levied on the inhabitants of said county, for the purpose of building a new court-house and gaol; was preferred and read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas Cromwell, John Baily, and Stephen Shelmerdine, beg leave to report, that they have examined the facts set forth in their memorial, and find them true, and that the auditor-general, at the time he was adjusting the depreciation accounts of the officers, for want of authority, stopped out of the memorialists accounts as follows, to wit. Thomas Cromwell 1493 dollars, equal to £. 53 16 2 specie; John Baily 1695 dollars, equal to £. 62 10 4 specie; Stephen Shelmerdine 1493 dollars, equal to £. 54 1 9 specie; for which sums your committee are of opinion the auditor-general ought to be directed to issue depreciation certificates. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to authorise the delegates of this state in congress to consent to an alteration in the eighth of the