

The letter of the 6th of November, from John Peirce, Esq; paymaster-general, was read the second time and referred to Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Quynn, and Mr. Gibson, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading of the report from the committee appointed to inquire what laws have or will expire during the session, on motion, the question was put, That the fourth section of an act, entitled, An additional supplement to the act for the regulation of the staple of tobacco, passed May session 1781, be continued? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Grahame appeared as follow :

	A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Graves, Ridgely, Stevenson, Roberts, Gibson,	Waters, G. Scott, Steel, Miller,	Bravard, Job, Oglevee, Seney,	Sewell, Townshend, Chaille, Joseph Dashiell,	Beatty, Norris, Love, Bond,	Wheeler, Hardeale, M'Mechen, Stull.
	N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Key, De Butts, Plowden, N. Worthington, Dent,	Grahame, Taley, Warr,	Harris, Hindman, John Dashiell,	Digges, Chafe, Quynn,	Cellars, Swingle, Cramphin,	Oneale, Edwards, Wootton.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report being read throughout, Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Nicholas Worthington, and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to appoint an intendant of the revenue. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Key, and Mr. G. Scott, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the corporation of the city of Annapolis to lay a further tax on the property within the said city and its precincts, and to regulate and license ordinaries and retailers of spirituous liquors within the said city and the precincts thereof. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Chafe, and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town respecting the public auctions of said town, and a counter petition thereto, were preferred and read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Joseph Dashiell, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. G. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to establish a state bank in Baltimore-town; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Cadwalader, Mr. G. Scott, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Key, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Grahame, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a report on the petition of Eleanor and Charlotte Frazier; which was read.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to regulate auctions in Baltimore town in Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

William Hindman, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to prevent the owners of slaves from permitting them to hire themselves on contract, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 31, 1784: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."  
The bill for the relief of Micajah Mitchell, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 31, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass. J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.  
And a bill, entitled, An act to authorize and empower the proprietors of Cranberry-swamp, in Harford county, to reclaim and drain the same, endorsed; "By the senate, December 31, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 31, 1784: Read the second time by especial order and will pass. J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.  
Mr. G. Scott, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.