

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

Messieurs	De Butts,	Ridgely of Wm. Steel,	Johnson,	Wheeler,	Cramphin,
	Plowden,	Ridgely,	Norris,	Stull,	Oneale,
	N. Worthington,	Stevenson,	Love,	Cellars,	Wootton.
	Taney,	Roberts,	Bowie,	Swingle,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Graves,	Harris,	Waters,	Job,	Quynn,	Beatty,
	Carroll,	Hindman,	Elzey,	Oglevee,	Townshend,	Hardcastle,
	Fraizer,	Gibson,	Miller,	Seney,	Chaille,	McMechen,
	Ware,	John Dashiell,	Bravard,	Chafe,	Joseph Dashiell,	Edwards.

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following words be struck out? "But the commissioners are not to abate the valuation so as to lessen the aggregate value of the whole land in their county, but the same shall not be diminished." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bowie appeared as follow:

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	Taney,	Roberts,	Digges,	Love,	Cellars,	Edwards,
	Ridgely of Wm. Miller,	Johnfon,	Bond,	Bond,	Swingle,	Wootton.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	De Butts,	Ware,	Gibson,	Steel,	Seney,	Joseph Dashiell,
	Graves,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Bravard,	Chafe,	Beatty,
	Carroll,	Harris,	Waters,	Job,	Quynn,	Hardcastle,
	Fraizer,	Hindman,	Elzey,	Oglevee,	Townshend,	McMechen.

The house being equally divided, the question was determined in the affirmative by the honourable speaker.

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

T H U R S D A Y, January 6, 1785.

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

The resolution of the 16th of December 1784; the note from the chargé des affaires of his most christian majesty; the letter from the minister of the republic of Holland; the letter from Messieurs Vanstaphorsts, their address, and the copies and extracts of letters between Matthew Ridley, Esq; and them; were read.

George Gale, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to empower the commissioners of Baltimore-town to make a correct survey of the said town, and for other purposes therein mentioned, 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, January 5, 1785: Read the second time with the proposed amendments and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the second page, after the word "meeting" in the ninth line insert, "and after having taken an oath before some magistrate of Baltimore county, to be recorded with their proceedings, well and truly to execute the trust reposed in them by this act, without prejudice, partiality, or favour." After the word "made," tenth line second page, insert, "according to the true original location thereof, to be ascertained by proof of such location where it can be had, or by a proper allowance for the variation of the compass where proof of the original location cannot be had, having a regard in the calculation of the variation of the compass to any proof which may be made to parts of such original location, so as to make the lines upon which an allowance for variation may be made correspond as nearly as may be with the parts proved as aforesaid." After the word "made," in the fifth line from the bottom of the second page, insert, "together with the proof by them taken and the reasons which governed them in fixing such boundaries, where no proof of the original running can be obtained." Second page, after the word "town," third line from the bottom, insert, "Provided always, and be it enacted, That if any person shall apprehend himself aggrieved by the determination of the said commissioners in the premises, such person may, within three months next after such determination, appeal from the same to the general court of the western shore, which court shall have full power and authority to hear and determine such appeal, and to make all orders necessary for obtaining full information upon the subject of dispute, and shall hear such appeal at the first court if it can be done with justice to the parties, and the judgment and determination of the said court shall be final, and being certified to the commissioners aforesaid, they shall act in conformity thereto in completing their survey and location aforesaid." Page fourth, after the word "therein," thirteenth line, insert, "saving to all persons whatsoever their right of property in any of the said ground so made and extended as aforesaid, and in the lots or land from which