

And, the bill for straightening and repairing the road from Baltimore-town to the lower ferry on the Susquehanna, endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 8, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

On motion, the question was put, That it is the opinion of this house, that the happiness of the people, good order, and preservation of civil government, depend upon morality, religion and piety, and that these cannot be generally diffused through a community but by the public worship of Almighty God? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chase appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	De Butts,	Ware,	John Dashiell,	Gantt,	Chaille,	Stull,
	Plowden,	Dent,	Waters,	Digges,	Joseph Dashiell,	Cellars,
	Graves,	Ridgely,	Elzey,	Johnson,	Beatty,	Swingle,
	B. Worthington,	Stevenson,	Steel,	Seney,	Shriver,	Cramphin,
	N. Worthington,	Harris,	Miller,	Chafe,	Bond,	Oneale,
	Grahame,	Hindman,	Bravard,	Quynn,	Hardcastle,	Edwards,
	Taney,	Roberts,	Job,	Townshend,	M'Mechen,	Wootton.
	Fraizer,	Gibson,	Bowie,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ridgely of Wm.	Oglevee,	Norris,	Love,	Wheeler.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That it is the opinion of this house, that it is highly necessary, and the indispensable duty of the legislature of this state, to discourage vice and immorality, to enact a law for the support and encouragement of the christian religion, as the best means of manifesting our gratitude to God for past mercies and deliverances, and procuring his blessing and favour upon all our future endeavours for the honour, prosperity and happiness, of this country? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stevenson appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	De Butts,	Fraizer,	Roberts,	Steel,	Chafe,	Joseph Dashiell,
	B. Worthington,	Ware,	Gibson,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Hardcastle,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Gantt,	Townshend,	Cramphin,
	Grahame,	Harris,	Waters,	Johnson,	Chaille,	Wootton.
	Taney,	Hindman,	Elzey,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ridgely of Wm.	Bravard,	Seney,	Love,	M'Mechen,	Swingle,
	Ridgely,	Job,	Beatty,	Bond,	Stull,	Oneale,
	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	Shriver,	Wheeler,	Cellars,	Edwards.
	Miller,	Digges,	Norris,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That it is the opinion of this house, that agreeably to the constitution and form of government, it is proper for the general assembly to lay a general and equal tax on all the citizens of this state of all denominations of christians, (as far as their present circumstances will permit) for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within this state, without any preference or discrimination? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stevenson appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	De Butts,	Fraizer,	Gibson,	Steel,	Chafe,	Joseph Dashiell,
	B. Worthington,	Ware,	John Dashiell,	Bowie,	Quynn,	Hardcastle,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Waters,	Gantt,	Townshend,	Cramphin,
	Grahame,	Harris,	Elzey,	Johnson,	Chaille,	Wootton.
	Taney,	Hindman,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Plowden,	Stevenson,	Job,	Beatty,	Bond,	Cellars,
	Graves,	Roberts,	Oglevee,	Shriver,	Wheeler,	Swingle,
	Ridgely of Wm.	Miller,	Digges,	Norris,	M'Mechen,	Oneale,
	Ridgely,	Bravard,	Seney,	Love,	Stull,	Edwards.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following question being proposed, That it is the opinion of this house, that the bill, entitled, An act to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within this state, have a second reading, and be considered, and amended (if necessary), and afterwards referred to the next session of assembly, and taken into consideration on the fifth day of the next session, and that the said bill be published for the information of our constituents? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely appeared as follow: