

ment we propose, and no possible mischief can attend the adoption of it that we can conceive. We hope therefore your house will upon reconsideration adopt the amendment, but if you should not agree to it, return us the bill, and we will pass it in its present form, being satisfied that the business of the county courts cannot be conveniently done at their present times of sitting, the month of March being generally very unfit for attendance at courts, and the general assembly in November interfering with the courts of this month.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The order of the day is postponed till to-morrow morning.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to repeal part of the act for the better security of government. ORDERED, That Mr. Norris, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Ridgely of William, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill to limit the time for bringing and settling claims against this state, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Norris, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of the act for the better security of government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, January 12, 1785.

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

The amendments to the bill for altering the time of holding the courts in the counties therein mentioned, were read the second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Henry Downes, a delegate returned for Caroline county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took his seat in the house.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the benefit of Sarah Muir, endorsed; "By the senate, January 10, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for laying out a road to and from the mill seat of Nicholas Randall, endorsed; "By the senate, January 10, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

" By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

And, a letter from Thomas Stone, Esq; with sundry enclosures, relative to captain Carberry, endorsed; "By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

" By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

Mr. M'Mechen brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Mary Fitzhugh, the wife of George Fitzhugh of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chase, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

The report on the petition of the commissioners and other the inhabitants of Charles-town, was read the second time and referred to the next session of assembly.

On the second reading the bill to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within this state, according to order, the question was put, That if a tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within the state be agreed to, that the same be laid on all property within the state, in the same manner as public taxes or the support of government? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Harris appeared as follow:

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

Messrs. De Butts,	Carroll,	Dent,	Waters,	Johnson,	Chaille,
B. Worthington,	Taney,	Hindman,	Job,	Seney,	Joseph Dashiell,
N. Worthington,	Ware,	Gibson,	Gantt,	Townshend,	Downes.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs Plowden,	Stevenson,	Bravard,	Beatty,	Hardcastle,	Swingle,
Graves,	Harris,	Oglevee,	Norris,	Steret,	Cramphin,
Grahame,	Roberts,	Digges,	Love,	M'Mechen,	Oneale,
Fraizer,	John Dashiell,	Chase,	Wheeler,	Stull,	Edwards.
Ridgely of Wm. Miller,	Miller,	Quynn,			

So it was determined in the negative.