

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the blank in said bill be filled up with three shillings and nine pence current money? 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,	Hindman,	Waters,	Quynn,	Joseph Dashiell,
	Carroll,	Ware,	Gibson,	Johnson,	Townshend,	Hardcastle,
	Grahame,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Chafe,	Chaille,	Cramphin.
	Taney,	Harris,				

N E G A T I V E.

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

So it was determined in the negative.

The following question being proposed, viz. Whereas the 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, hath been ordered to be published for the consideration of the people, and by a resolution of Saturday last referred to the next session of assembly; but for the more convenient and certain way of collecting their sense on such important subjects, RESOLVED, That the said bill be and is hereby referred to the next general assembly which shall happen after a new election for delegates, that the people may have a greater opportunity of considering the same. 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 of William appeared as follow:

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

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

N E G A T I V E.

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

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, RESOLVED, That the bill to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all societies of christians within this state, be referred, and taken into consideration on the fifth day of the next session of assembly; and that the said bill be published in the Maryland and Baltimore news-papers, and one thousand copies thereof in hand bills, and sent to the several counties for the information of our constituents.

John Smith, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt, endorsed; "By the senate, December 30, 1784: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 12, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill for the relief of James Armstrong and Robert Wood, endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 12, 1785: Read the second time and will pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which were ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to secure the payment, and give a recovery, of money lent by foreigners to citizens of this state, endorsed; "By the senate, January 11, 1785: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 12, 1785: Read the second time by especial order with the proposed amendment and will pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out the preamble and insert, "Whereas it may prove advantageous to citizens of this state, were foreigners enabled to lend to them money on mortgages; and whereas such loans may conduce much to the improvement of the country."

Which was read.

And, a petition from Jean Chever, respecting the liquidation of his pay and subsistence, endorsed; "By the senate, January 12, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.