

The following motion being made and seconded, viz. That it is the opinion of this house, that any law imposing a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel of all or any denomination, is unnecessary and impolitic, and that instead of promoting the cause of religion, it would be an injury thereto? The question was put, That leave be given to withdraw the said motion? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Dashiell appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Maxwell,	Stone,	Ennalls,	F. Bowie,	Norris,	Steret,
	Lethbrury,	Ridgely,	Baker,	Sewell,	J. Bond,	Stull,
	B. Worthington,	Ridgely of Wm.	Oglevee,	Joshua Seney,	Wheeler,	Cellars,
	N Worthington,	Edmondson,	Miller,	Jackson,	Whiteley,	Funk,
	Hall,	Goldsbrough,	Ramsey,	Beatty,	Driver,	Wootton,
	Jones,	Bracco,	W. Bowie,	Bayly,	M Mechen,	Beall.
	Turner,	Waggaman,	Digges,			

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Key,	Pearce,	Fraizer,	Waters,	John Seney,	Purnell,
	Bond,	Carroll,	Dent,	R. Bowie,	Craile,	Faw,
	Somerville,	Grahame,	Stevenson,	Chafe,	Mitchell,	Downes.
	De Butts,	Taney,	Adams,	Quynn,	Dashiell,	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

William Perry, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from the governor, with a copy of a letter from the intendant, respecting an advance of money made to the state agent; and a petition from James Beaumont, of Baltimore-town, setting forth, that Sir Robert Eden died indebted to him the sum of 180 pounds currency, whose property was confiscated, and praying relief in the premises; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 19, 1785: Read" and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Worcester county, praying that the bill to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel, may not be enacted into a law; was preferred and read.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, praying the act appropriating funds for erecting a college on the western shore may be repealed; was preferred and read.

A memorial and remonstrance from sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, praying that the bill to lay a general tax for the support of the ministers of the gospel, may not be enacted into a law; was preferred and read.

The house took into consideration the order of the day, and the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for the support of ministers of the gospel of all denominations or societies of christians within this state, agreeably to the constitution and form of government? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Joshua Seney appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Key,	Pearce,	Carroll,	Adams,	Quynn,	Dashiell,
	Bond,	B. Worthington,	Grahame,	Waters,	Craile,	Purnell,
	Somerville,	N. Worthington,	Taney,	Chafe,	Mitchell,	Wootton.
	De Butts,	Hail,	Fraizer,			

## N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Maxwell,	Ridgely of Wm.	Baker,	F. Bowie,	Bayly,	M'Mechen,
	Lethbrury,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	John Seney,	Norris,	Steret,
	Jones,	Edmondson,	Miller,	Sewell,	J. Bond,	Stull,
	Dent,	Goldsbrough,	Ramsey,	Joshua Seney,	Wheeler,	Cellars,
	Turner,	Bracco,	W. Bowie,	Jackson,	Whiteley,	Funk,
	Stone,	Waggaman,	Digges,	Faw,	Driver,	Beall.
	Ridgely,	Ennalls,	R. Bowie,	Beatty,	Downes,	

So it was determined in the negative.

The order of the day, respecting the compact of Virginia and Maryland, is postponed till Monday morning.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

## M O N D A Y, November 21, 1785.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Steret, Mr. M'Mechen, and Mr. Hall. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Ridgely of William has leave of absence till Saturday next. Mr. Wheeler has leave of absence till Monday week next.

The letter from the governor, respecting an advance of money to the state agent, and the petition of James Beaumont, were read.

Mr. Goldsbrough, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee, to whom was referred the petition of the freemen of Talbot county, relative to an alms and work house, beg leave to report, That they have taken the same under their consideration,