

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1786. 9

Mr. Johnson communicates to the house a letter from the board of treasury of the 13th instant, and a letter from the secretary of congress with a representation, of the 11th instant; which were read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to establish the fees of justices of the peace. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Steele and Mr. Wright, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

SATURDAY, November 25, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Digges. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. John Gale, a delegate returned for Somerset county, and Mr. Archibald Pattison, a delegate returned for Dorchester county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, took their seats in the house. Mr. F. Bowie appeared in the house. Mr. Wheeler has leave of absence for ten days. Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Owings have leave of absence till Tuesday next.

A petition from Thomas Miles, of Baltimore county, setting forth, that he became security for a certain Abraham Britten for a tract of land called Darnall's Camp, which he purchased of the commissioners of confiscated property, said to contain 270 acres, but upon an accurate survey, contained only 200; that said Britten has left this state; that Frederick Allender is now in possession of the said land by consent of the honourable council; and praying to be released from his said security-ship; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. B. Worthington and Mr. Cockey, to consider and report thereon.

The petition from sundry inhabitants of George-town, referred from the last to the present session, was read and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. Forrest, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Nicholls, to consider and report thereon.

On Motion, the question was put, That the hours of sitting, for the dispatch of public business, from nine o'clock in the morning till three o'clock in the afternoon, be altered? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest,	Owings,	Stewart,	F. Bowie,	Norris,	M'Mechen,
	Miller,	Cockey,	R. Bond,	Jackion,	Love,	Funk,
	Wright,	Ridgely,	Wallace,	Faw,	Hollingsworth,	Burgess.
	Chase,	Sherwood,	Bravard,	Bayly,		22.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	De Butts,	Taney,	M'Pherson,	Quynn,	Henry,	Walker,
	Hopewell,	Fitzhugh,	Gale,	Paca,	Mantz,	Cellars,
	Harwood,	Grahame,	Shaw,	John Seney,	Johnson,	Stull,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Pattison,	Joshua Seney,	J. Bond,	Holmes,
	B. Worthington,	Turner,	Steele,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Nicholls.
						30.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That at the hour appointed for sitting, the roll of the house shall be called over, and the absent members, if any, sent for, and fined seven shillings and six-pence, to be struck out of that day's allowance, unless in case of sickness, which the speaker shall determine? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

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Messrs.	Miller,	Taney,	Ridgely,	F. Bowie,	Faw,	Stull,
	Wright,	Owings,	R. Bond,	Joshua Seney,	Norris,	Burgess,
	Chase,	Cockey,	Wallace,	Jackion,	Hollingsworth,	Nicholls.
						18.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	De Butts,	Grahame,	Shaw,	Paca,	Johnson,	Walker,
	Forrest,	Dent,	Pattison,	John Seney,	Bayly,	M'Mechen,
	Hopewell,	Turner,	Steele,	Purnell,	J. Bond,	Cellars,
	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	Bravard,	Henry,	Love,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Sherwood,	Quynn,	Mantz,	Loockerman,	Holmes.
	B. Worthington,	Stewart,				32.

So it was determined in the negative.

A petition from Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton, securities for Edward Green, junior, deputy-collector of Charles county, setting forth, that a judgment hath been obtained against them for £. 800, which they have superseded until the 10th of February next, and praying a law may pass, preventing execution issuing on said supersedeas for such time as may be deemed necessary; was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

A petition from Francis Speake, inspector of Charles county, setting forth, that four hogheads of tobacco were stolen out of the warehouse of which he was inspector, notwithstanding the warehouse was in good repair, well locked and bolted; that he has since paid for said tobacco out of his own property; and praying an act may pass, empowering the justices of the county aforesaid to assess the value of the said tobacco on the inhabitants of said county; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Turner, Mr. Dent and Mr. Wallace, to consider and report thereon.

A petition