

allegations therein contained to be true, and are of opinion that his unfortunate distressing situation requires the humane assistance of the legislature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, T. D. MERRICK, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of Vachel Downes, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting apprentices; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz. Whereas it appears by the petition of Vachel Downes, of Queen-Anne's county, one of the executors of Samuel Ridgaway, late of said county, deceased, and late collector thereof, appointed by law to collect the arrears of taxes due to the said deceased, that he hath found amongst the papers of the deceased divers certificates, a list whereof is annexed to his said petition, and that he believes the said deceased intended to have paid into the treasury such of the said certificates on interest, as were payable by law for public taxes, but was prevented by death; that the petitioner hath, since the said collection has been put into his hands, offered the said certificates to the treasurer of the eastern shore, towards discharging the said arrears, who refused to receive the same without an oath, such as the petitioner could not take, unless by order of the legislature: And whereas this general assembly are of opinion that relief ought to be given in the premises; therefore RESOLVED, That the said Vachel Downes be allowed to pay into the treasury any such certificates as by law are receivable for public taxes, in discharge of the arrears due from the said deceased, without taking the oath in such cases required by law, provided he makes it appear, to the satisfaction of the treasurer, that he the said Vachel Downes came into possession of the said certificates, so by him offered in payment, in such manner as by his said petition is set forth.

Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Miller.

The bill continuing the act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and the supplementary act thereto, &c. was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. M'Pherson.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the house took into consideration the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the ineligibility of Uriah Forrest, Esquire, for the want of residence, and after hearing John Allen Thomas, Esquire, one of the remonstrants, in support of the remonstrance, he withdrew.

On motion, the question was put, That Uriah Forrest, Esquire, was eligible at the last election for Saint Mary's county? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Dent, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Abell,	Wright,	Shaw,	Paca,	Wheeler,	Burgess,
	Hopewell,	Chafe,	F. Bowie,	Henry,	Loockerman,	Holmes,
	Miller,	Stevens,	R. Bowie,	Norris,	Hardcastle,	Nicholls.
	J. Johnson,	Gale,	Quynn,	Love,	M'Mechen,	23.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	De Butts,	Grahame,	Cockey,	Pattison,	Bravard,	T. Johnson,
	Perkins,	Gantt,	Ridgely,	Steele,	Digges,	Walker,
	Harwood,	Dent,	Sherwood,	R. Bond,	John Seney,	Hollingsworth,
	N. Worthington,	Turner,	Stewart,	Wallace,	P. Mitchell,	Funk,
	B. Worthington,	M'Pherson,	Polk,	Matthews,	Faw,	Oneale.
	Taney,	Owings,				32.

So it was determined in the negative.

William Hemsley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill to provide a compensation for certain public services, the bill for the more easy and effectual setting off and providing for the discharge of the interest due to the creditors on the consolidated fund, &c. severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 13, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 15, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to repeal an act, entitled, An act to establish permanent salaries for the chancellor and the judges, endorsed; "By the senate, January 12, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 15, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to enable the securities of Christopher Edelen, deceased, and his administrators, to collect the balances due to him as collector, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, January 13, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 15, 1787: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to enable the vestry of Saint Margaret's Westminster parish, in Anne-Arundel county, to appropriate the rents, &c. endorsed; "By the senate, January 13, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By