

and unfortunately the drawees failed before his application to them for payment, whereby it is apprehended a loss may be sustained.

The memorialist does not claim a credit for this sum, but prays an indulgence for the payment of it, and we think, from the circumstances of his then situation, it will be reasonable to allow until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety, to make such payment without interest.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee appointed to examine and consider the state of the public buildings, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that the government house is nearly complete; that a moderate further expence would make the privy useful; that the roof of the stadt-house is in part covered, and the dome in part enclosed.

That the sum of ten thousand two hundred and fifty-eight pounds nine shillings and two-pence current money hath been actually expended on the said public buildings, as appears by the auditor's books; that by the information of Mr. Joseph Clark, he hath already advanced a further sum of about five hundred pounds, an account of which hath not yet been rendered.

That your committee inquired of Mr. Joseph Clark, the undertaker, what might be the probable sum necessary to complete the stadt-house, agreeably to the plan proposed, and what might be the probable sum necessary to enclose and secure the stadt-house so as to prevent any injury to the building from the weather? To these questions Mr. Clark could not give any direct answer: And that workmen were hired from six shillings to eight shillings and four-pence current money per day, and labourers at five shillings per day without any distinction.

Your committee therefore beg leave to suggest to the honourable house, as the workmen are now discharged, and a spring session expected, that all the aforesaid public works be suspended until the meeting of the next general assembly, or the first day of April next, and then that the said works be so far proceeded in as to secure the stadt-house from the weather by enclosing the external part thereof, completing the government house so far as is necessary to make it fit for the reception of his excellency the governor, and to make the privy within the circle useful.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. D. MERRICK, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. T. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide a remedy for creditors and others against this state; which was read the first and second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	De Butts,	Taney,	Sherwood,	Bravard,	Joshua Seney,	Hardcastle,	
	Perkins,	Gantt,	Stevens,	F. Bowie,	Jackson,	Hollingsworth,	
	J. Johnson,	Dent,	Shaw,	R. Bowie,	T. Johnson,	M'Mechen,	
	Wright,	Turner,	Pattison,	Digges,	Norris,	Funk,	
	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	Loockerman,	Burgefs.	34.
	N. Worthington,	Owings,	Wallace,	John Seney,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Mef.	Cockey,	Love,	Cellars,	Oneale,	Holmes,	Nicholls.	7.
	W. Bowie,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Joshua Seney.

Mr. Stewart and Mr. Polk were excused for departing the house without leave.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of Basil Brown, endorsed; "By the senate, January 10, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 16, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

And a representation from the printer to the state, respecting his allowance on the civil list, endorsed;

"By the senate, January 17, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read.

The bill to aid and confirm the proceedings of Dorchester and Caroline county courts, was read the second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. F. Bowie.

On the second reading the bill to appoint a commissioner to settle the account of this state with the United States, the question was put, That the commissioner be allowed one hundred dollars per month? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Abell,	Miller,	Turner,	Pattison,	Digges,	Hardcastle,	
	De Butts,	J. Johnson,	M'Pherson,	Steele,	Quynn,	Hollingsworth,	
	Hopewell,	Harwood,	Stone,	Wallace,	Henry,	M'Mechen.	23.
	Perkins,	Dent,	Shaw,	Matthews,	T. Johnson,		
		A a				N E G A T I V E.	