

“ By the senate, January 18, 1787: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.
 “ By order, J. DORSEY, clk.”

The bill for the settlement of public accounts, and to appoint persons to collect the debts due to persons convicted of treason, &c. endorsed; “ By the senate, January 16, 1787: Read the first time
 “ and ordered to lie on the table.

“ By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 “ By the senate, January 19, 1787: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments.
 “ By order, J. DORSEY, clk.”

Amendments proposed. First page, 14th line, strike out the words “ if they should be,” and insert “ now.” Sixth line from the bottom, after the word “ state,” insert “ unless bond with security be given as herein after directed.” Sixteenth line, strike out “ July” and insert “ August.” Seventeenth line, strike out the words “ and from.” After the word “ oath” in the seventeenth line, insert “ and any such factor, agent or merchant, who shall hereafter come into this state, shall, within four months from the time of coming into this state, lodge with the auditor a list upon oath of balances due to such merchant.” Second page, first line, after the word “ proceed,” insert “ after the first day of August next.” Fifteenth line, after the word “ due,” insert “ from such creditor.” Sixteenth line, strike out “ or any of the United States,” and insert “ state.” No. 1, page two, after the word “ required,” insert “ and if bond and security shall be given as aforesaid, then the British merchant, agent or factor, shall not be obliged to return the list as is herein before directed.” Strike out the clause at the end of the bill, (marked No. 7).

Which were read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. The resolution respecting the per diem allowance, endorsed; “ By the senate, January 19, 1787: “ Read and dissented to.

“ By order, J. DORSEY, clk.”

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, JANUARY 19, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

WE think the allowance of seventeen shillings and six-pence per day to the members of the general assembly, for their attendance this session, is too high; and we have therefore dissented to your resolve for this purpose.

At a time when our treasury is exhausted, and the weight of taxes complained of, there is a necessity to reduce the expences of government. It appears to us improper that an allowance so high should be made the members of the general assembly, especially as allowances to many officers have been lessened, and as another session is proposed by you in the course of this year, which would extremely increase the public expence.

We will consent to a resolve allowing fourteen shillings per day to the members of the general assembly, and have returned you the journal of accounts, that if you agree to such allowance the proper corrections may be made. The charge to Job Garretson of £. 388 15 8³, for keeping prisoners and deserters, we think improper to be put on the journal of accounts, as we see no reason to distinguish Mr. Garretson from other public creditors, and we wish his account should be examined by the officers to whom it belongs to do this business.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, That the journal of accounts be referred to the next session of assembly? The previous question was called for and put, Whether the said question be now put? 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		Perkins,	R. Bowie,	Norris,	Oneale.	4.
		N E G A T I V E.				
	Abell,	Taney,	Sherwood,	W. Bowie,	Jackson,	Hardcastle,
	De Butts,	Gantt,	Stevens,	F. Bowie,	Faw,	Hollingsworth,
	Miller,	Dent,	Shaw,	Quynn,	T. Johnson,	Cellars,
	J. Johnson,	M'Pherson,	Pattison,	Jennings,	Love,	Funk,
	Harwood,	Stone,	R. Bond,	Paca,	Loockerman,	Burgefs,
Messieurs	N. Worthington,	Owings,	Wallace,	Joshua Seney,	Walker,	Nicholls.
	B. Worthington,	Cockey,	Bravard,			39.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 20, 1787.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Wright and Mr. M'Mechen were excused for departing the house without leave.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to reduce the salaries of the governor, chancellor, judges, and other officers, for the time therein mentioned? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be