

charged of all personal labour and service on the said roads, from the first day of May next until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-three.

"And be it enacted, That Francis Deakins, Charles Beatty, Benjamin Edwards, Henry Brookes and Roger Brookes, shall be, and are hereby appointed, commissioners of the said roads until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, and they, or a majority of them, may execute all the powers and authorities of commissioners under this act; and if any commissioner shall happen to die or refuse to act, or otherwise unable to act, the commissioners of the tax may appoint another person in his stead.

"And be it enacted, That all and every the duties enjoined on the commissioners of Frederick county in virtue of this act, shall be observed by the said commissioners of Montgomery county, and the rules and regulations herein made and provided for the conduct of the said commissioners of Frederick county, and those employed by them in carrying this act into execution, shall be observed by the said commissioners of Montgomery county, so far as this act relates to the roads in Montgomery county.

"And be it enacted, That the said commissioners are directed to be specially attentive to have the two principal market roads leading from Frederick-town to George-town, and the other called and known by the name of the River Road, put and constantly maintained in good order, as far as the lines of the said county, to have the same substantially amended and repaired, with proper drains where necessary, and with causeways and bridges over the miry grounds and small runs."

Edward Lloyd, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency the governor, enclosing an estimate of the sum required to complete the exterior part of the stadthouse, and to make the governor's house habitable, endorsed; "By the senate, May 19, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims be directed to make an allowance on the journal of accounts of ten pounds to the reverend Mr. Higinbotham for acting as chaplain to this house this session.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the better regulation of the revenue. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Wright, Mr. Paca, Mr. Joshua Seney, Mr. Chase and Mr. Stone, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The paper bills No. 28, 29 and 30, were sent to the senate by Mr. Joshua Seney.

The house resumed the further consideration of the bill respecting insolvent debtors, and on further progression in reading the same, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out of the said bill? "And, whereas tradesmen, labourers and others, often obtain credit for small sums much to their accommodation and comfort, on the prospect and expectation of their paying the same from their gains by labour, which they might do in a short and reasonable time, but in many instances, rather than work even a few months for the honest discharge of their debts, they have lain in gaol the limited time, and have got discharged under the late act for the relief of insolvent debtors; to discourage, and as far as may be prevent, such dishonest practices, Be it enacted, That if any county court to whom application shall be made by any debtor to be discharged under this act, shall, on examining into his circumstances, his ability to gain by his labour, and the amount of the debts due from him, be of opinion and adjudge that he might, by diligent application to his trade or labour, pay off his debts, or the greater part thereof, in a reasonable time, such court shall not discharge such prisoner by virtue of this act, unless such prisoner, besides giving up his effects as aforesaid, will enter into contract, such as the court shall, on all circumstances, adjudge reasonable, for service at his usual occupation, on which contract the wages or reward for such service, or such part thereof as the court may think reasonable, shall be secured for the benefit of the creditors of such debtor; provided, that no widower, having children, or married man, shall be obliged to contract for a longer time than twelve months, and that no other person shall be obliged to contract for a longer time than eighteen months." 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,	Grahame,	Cockey,	R. Bowie,	Jackson,	Loockerman,
	Miller,	Dent,	Ridgely,	Digges,	Mantz,	Burgefs,
	J. Johnson,	McPherson,	Steele,	Quynn,	J. Bond,	Oneale,
	Chase,	Stone,	R. Bond,	John Seney,	Love,	Nicholls.
	Taney,	Owings,	E. Bowie,	Joshua Seney,	Wheeler,	29.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Pattison,	Paca,	Faw,	Hollingsworth,
	Perkins,	Stewart,	Wallace,	Purnell,	T. Johnson,	Funk,
	Wright,	Polk,	Bravard,	Henry,	Norris,	Cromwell.
	N. Worthington,	Shaw,				20.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Burgefs, appeared as follow:

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