

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Abell, Hopewell, Wright, Fitzhugh, Stone,	Owings, Stewart, Polk, Shaw, Pattison,	Steele, R. Bond, Wallace, Bravard, F. Bowie,	R. Bowie, Digges, Quynn, Paca, Purnell,	Henry, Faw, T. Johnson, Norris,	Love, Wheeler, Hollingsworth, M'Mechen. 23.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Perkins, Miller, N. Worthington,	B. Worthington, Taney, Dent,	Cockey, John Seney, Joshua Seney,	Jackson, Mantz, Loockerman,	Cellars, Funk, Cromwell,	Burgefs, Oneale, Nicholls. 18.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house assent to the last amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Joshua Seney, appeared as follow :

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Messrs.	Abell, Hopewell, Wright, Stone, Owings,	Stewart, Polk, Shaw, Pattison, R. Bond,	Wallace, Bravard, F. Bowie, R. Bowie,	Digges, Quynn, Paca, Purnell,	Henry, Faw, T. Johnson, Norris,	Love, Wheeler, Hollingsworth, M'Mechen. 26.
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Messrs.	Perkins, Miller, N. Worthington,	B. Worthington, Taney, Dent,	Cockey, John Seney, Joshua Seney,	Jackson, Mantz, Loockerman,	Cellars, Funk, Cromwell,	Burgefs, Oneale, Nicholls. 18.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill respecting insolvent debtors, was sent to the senate by Mr. Quynn.

The following resolutions being proposed to the house, viz.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to appoint and employ some skilful person to lay out the manors, and such parts of the reserves and vacant lands belonging to this state, lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, as he may think fit and capable of being settled and improved, in lots of fifty acres each, bounded by a fixed beginning and four lines only, unless on the sides adjoining elder surveys; that the beginning of each lot be marked with marking irons or otherwise with the number thereof, and that a fair book of such surveys, describing the beginning of each lot by its situation as well as number, be returned and laid before the next general assembly; that a brief note of the improvements which may happen to be on any lot, and the name of the person, if any settled thereon, be inserted at the foot of the certificate of survey thereof, and that the reasonable expence of such surveys be paid by this state.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to cause the auditor-general, or other proper officer, to make out an accurate and fair list of the officers and soldiers who are entitled to bounties of land under the promises of this state, and to lay the same before the next general assembly. Which were read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

On the second reading the bill to prevent the inconveniencies arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, the question was put, That the said bill be amended by striking out the following clause? "Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That any person who shall permit and authorize any slave belonging to him or herself, in his or her own right, or possessed in the right of another, to go at large, or hire him or herself within this state, shall incur the penalty of five pounds current money per month, except ten days at harvest." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow :

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Messrs.	Wright, Dent, Owings,	Ridgely, Polk, Bravard,	R. Bowie, Jackson, Faw,	J. Bond, Loockerman,	Hollingsworth, M'Mechen,	Burgefs, Nicholls. 15.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Hopewell, Perkins, Miller, J. Johnson, N. Worthington, Chafe,	B. Worthington, Taney, Stone, Cockey, Stewart, Shaw,	Pattison, Steele, F. Bowie, Digges, Quynn,	Paca, John Seney, Joshua Seney, Purnell, Henry,	Mantz, T. Johnson, Norris, Love, Wheeler,	Cellars, Funk, Cromwell, Oneale, Holmes. 32.

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the said bill be amended by striking out the following clause? "And be it enacted, That no slave, except pilots generally known or reputed to be such, shall have the principal management of any vessel or boat exceeding twenty feet keel, and conveying goods belonging to any other person than the owner or lawful possessor for the time being of such vessel or boat; and if any owner or possessor of such boat shall employ any slave contrary to this act, such owner or possessor shall incur the penalty of five pounds current money per month." Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the said bill be amended by striking out the following clause? "And be it enacted, That all the penalties aforesaid shall be recovered