

recovered before a single justice of the peace, in the same manner as small debts out of court are recovered, and any sum so recovered, shall be to the sole use and benefit of the informer, provided the offence be sufficiently proved without his or her own testimony, otherwise such recovery shall be to the use and benefit of the poor of such county where the offence shall be committed." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wright, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Mef. Wright,	Polk,	Joshua Seney,	J. Bond,	Hollingsworth,	Holmes,
Owings,	Bravard,	Jackson,	Love,	Burgefs,	Nicholls.
					12.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Abell,	Chafe,	Stewart,	Digges,	Faw,
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Mantz,
	Perkins,	Taney,	Pattifon,	Paca,	T. Johnson,
	Miller,	Dent,	Steele,	John Seney,	Norris,
	J. Johnson,	Stone,	F. Bowie,	Purnell,	Wheeler,
	N. Worthington,	Cockey,	R. Bowie,		Loockerman,
					M'Mechen,
					Funk,
					Cromwell,
					Ontale.
					53.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the said bill be amended by adding the following proviso? "Provided, that any person may permit his slave, being a pilot, to hire himself in such capacity, and any person may employ as a pilot any slave known or generally reputed to be a pilot, before the passing of this act." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the proposed amendments?

Amendments proposed. Strike out the third clause, beginning with the word "and" in the eleventh line, and ending with the word "month" in the seventeenth line, and insert the following proviso: "Provided, that any person may permit his slave, being a pilot, to hire himself in such capacity, and any person may employ as a pilot any slave known or generally reputed to be a pilot, before the passing of this act."

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wright, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Abell,	Chafe,	Stewart,	Digges,	Purnell,
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Shaw,	Quynn,	Henry,
	Perkins,	Taney,	Pattifon,	Paca,	Mantz,
	Miller,	Dent,	Steele,	John Seney,	T. Johnson,
	J. Johnson,	Stone,	Wallace,	Joshua Seney,	Norris,
	N. Worthington,	Cockey,			Love,
					Wheeler,
					M'Mechen,
					Cromwell,
					Oneale.
					32.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Wright,	Polk,	Jackson,	J. Bond,	Funk,
	Owings,	Bravard,	Faw,	Hollingsworth,	Burgefs,
	Ridgely,	R. Bowie,			Holmes,
					Nicholls.
					14.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill concerning the public roads in Frederick county, were read the second time and dissented to.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to streighten and amend the public roads in Montgomery county? 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	Chafe,	Cockey,	R. Bond,	Quynn,	T. Johnson,
	Dent,	Stewart,	Wallace,	Purnell,	Hollingsworth,
	Stone,	Pattifon,	Bravard,	Faw,	M'Mechen,
	Owings,	Steele,	Digges,	Mantz,	Cellars,
					Funk,
					Cromwell,
					Burgefs,
					Nicholls.
					24.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Perkins,	B. Worthington,	Polk,	John Seney,	J. Bond,
	Miller,	Taney,	Shaw,	Joshua Seney,	Love,
	J. Johnson,	Ridgely,	R. Bowie,	Norris,	Wheeler,
	N. Worthington,				Loockerman,
					Oneale,
					Holmes.
					19.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Burgefs, Mr. Chafe and Mr. Nicholls, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The following resolutions being proposed to the house, viz.

Whereas it is represented to this general assembly, by sundry inhabitants of Cæcil county, that they purchased certain lands, in the said county, from the late intendant of the revenue, in the year 1785, and gave bonds for payment, with annual interest, under the expectation that six weeks notice would be given to them of the time of payment of the interest due on their bonds, and that some person would be appointed to receive the interest of the purchase money, which in many instances amounted only to a few shillings; and that executions were issued from the general court of the western shore to compel payment of the very trivial sums due on their bonds for interest, which were set aside by the general court, and afterwards writs issued against the aforefaid debtors for the same purpose, and great and exorbitant fees were claimed, in many instances far above the sums due for interest, and the treasurer declined to receive the said interest without payment of the aforefaid fees;