

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, November, 1787. 52.

On the second reading, by especial order, the bill for freightening, amending and repairing, the public roads in Baltimore county, the question was put, That the word "meadow" be struck out of the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Cockey, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs Taney, Roberts, Sherwood, Tilghman,	Hayward, Lecompte, Steele, Bravard,	Bond, Matthews, Craufurd, W. Bowie,	Quynn, Henry, Faw, Love,	Scott, Norris, Downes, Walker,	M'Mechen, Funk, Cellars, Griffith. 24.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs. R. Miller, Parnham, Chapman,	Cockey, Ridgely, Stewart,	S. Miller, F. Bowie, John Seney,	Joshua Seney, Jackson, Brown,	Hughlett, Chafe, Bruce,	Burgefs, Oneale, Holmes. 18.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the word "orchard" be struck out of the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Holmes, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs. Taney, Pattison,	Steele, Craufurd,	F. Bowie, W. Bowie,	Brown, Henry,	Chafe,	M'Mechen. 10.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs R. Miller, Nicholls, Parnham, Chapman, Cockey, Ridgely,	Roberts, Sherwood, Tilghman, Hayward, Stewart, Lecompte,	Bravard, Bond, Matthews, S. Miller, Quynn, Joshua Seney,	Jackson, Faw, Love, Scott, Norris,	Downes, Walker, Hughlett, Funk, Bruce,	Cellars, Burgefs, Oneale, Holmes, Griffith. 33.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs. Cockey, Ridgely, Roberts,	Tilghman, Hayward, Bravard,	Bond, S. Miller, Joshua Seney,	Faw, Love, Scott,	Walker, Hughlett, Funk,	Cellars, Holmes, Griffith. 18.
N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs Key, R. Miller, Nicholls, Read, Tancy,	Dent, Parnham, Chapman, Sherwood, Stewart,	Shaw, Pattison, Lecompte, Steele, Matthews,	Craufurd, F. Bowie, W. Bowie, Quynn, Jackson,	Brown, Henry, T. Johnson, Norris, Downes,	Chafe, M'Mechen, Bruce, Oneale. 29.

So it was determined in the negative.

Mr. Parnham, from the joint committee of both houses, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee appointed by the honourable the senate and the house of delegates to receive from the honourable Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and Thomas Johnson, Esquires, a communication of the intercourse between Uriah Forrest, Esquire, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdam, beg leave to report to the general assembly, that they have received the said information, which they beg leave to present with this report. The committee report, that it appears to them, that the loan procured in Holland (amounting to 270,000 florins) in consequence of the contract of the 31st day of July, 1782, between Matthew Ridley, Esquire, agent of this state, and Messieurs Vanstaphorst, was obtained from a number of individuals in Holland on the credit of this state; that Messieurs Vanstaphorst only acted as agents to negotiate the loan, and stipulated to receive for their trouble; and that the said Messieurs Vanstaphorst were not answerable, or in any manner security, to the lenders for the principal of the loan, or interest thereon.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that it appears from the act of November session, 1785, chap. 85, and April session, 1787, chap. 42, that the general assembly were of opinion, that the state was indebted to Messieurs Vanstaphorst for the loan aforesaid, and that the several proposals to them respecting the said loan, were made under that impression and mistake.

Your committee beg leave to observe, that it appears to them, that the contract by Mr. Ridley with Messieurs Vanstaphorst, for the delivery of tobacco at the price and at the places within this state, as stipulated, has no connexion with or relation to the loan, and any damages for noncompliance with the said contract, can only be estimated by a comparison of the price stipulated in the contract with the current market price at the places and time of delivery within this state. Your committee beg leave further to observe, that the proposal made to Messieurs Vanstaphorst by Mr. Forrest, under the act of April session, 1787, was very liberal, and that their demands for damages are most extravagant; and their claim, which they do not relinquish, that the damages on the contract shall be ascertained by the price at Amsterdam, is unreasonable and unjust.

Your committee further report, that it is their opinion, that the act of November session, 1785, chap. 85, be repealed. Your committee further report, that it is their opinion, that the duties to be collected in virtue of the act of April session, 1787, chap. 42, be applied to pay the interest advanced