

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to vest a power in the chancellor to receive information from any person or persons who shall make discovery to him of any British property in this state, and for other purposes therein mentioned? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest,	Taney,	Roberts,	Craufurd,	Brown,	Wheeler,
	R. Miller,	Parnham,	Polk,	Digges,	Henry,	Walker,
	Read,	M'Pherfon,	Bravard,	Quynn,	Scott,	Hughlett,
	Harwood,	Chapman,	Bond,	Duvall,	Norris,	Taylor.
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	S. Miller,	Seney,		28.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Nicholls,	Cockey,	Stewart,	Lecompte,	J. S. Purnell,	Burgefs,
	B. Worthington,	Tilghman,	Adams,	Matthews,	Loockerman,	Oneale,
	Carroll,	Gale,	Shaw,	F. Bowie,	M'Mechen,	Holmes.
	Gough,					19.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. Forrest, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Potts, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The house took into consideration (agreeably to the order of the day) the petition of fundry inhabitants and free voters of Baltimore county, respecting the places of holding their elections, and, on motion, the question was put, That the prayer of the said petition be granted? Resolved, nemine contradicente, in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Gough, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Potts, Mr. Cockey and Mr. M'Mechen, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

William Perry, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message:

By THE SENATE, MAY 22, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

IN our message on Monday last by Edward Lloyd, Esquire, we entreated you to forward the public business of the session, and expressed a hope that we might be able to rise on this day at farthest. This house will be at all times willing to attend the public business when subjects of importance require it; but as we apprehend that is not the case at present, we have determined to rise on Saturday next, and hope you will direct the necessary arrangements for signing and sealing the bills passed this session on that evening.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read the first and second time.

On motion, That this house concur with the above message? The previous question was called for and put, That 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	R. Miller,	Sherwood,	Polk,	Seney,	Walker,	Burgefs,
	Taney,	Tilghman,	Adams,	Brown,	Hughlett,	Oneale,
	M'Pherfon,	Gale,	Craufurd,	J. S. Purnell,	Cellars,	Holmes.
	Roberts,	Stewart,	F. Bowie,	Henry,		22.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest,	B. Worthington,	Gough,	Bravard,	W. Purnell,	Wheeler,
	Nicholls,	Carroll,	Cockey,	Bond,	Faw,	Loockerman,
	Read,	Fitzhugh,	Ridgely,	Matthews,	Potts,	M'Mechen,
	Harwood,	Parnham,	Shaw,	S. Miller,	Scott,	Taylor.
	N. Worthington,	Chapman,	Lecompte,	Quynn,	Norris,	29.

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met. Mr. Abell appeared in the house.

A petition from Nicholas Blacklock, Francis Clement Dyer, Thomas Lyles, Robert Bowie, James Wilson and Zachariah Owens, of Prince-George's county, praying that the commissioners of the tax for Prince-George's county may be vested with a power to hear and determine all disputes between the securities of Thomas Williams, of the said county, deceased, and the said Nicholas Blacklock, and others, deputy collectors of the taxes for the years 1780, 1781 and 1782, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. F. Bowie, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Craufurd and Mr. Digges, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Rufel and others, take into their consideration the situation of those similarly circumstanced, and those who have not complied with the resolutions of April session, 1787, for the payment of finals at the rate of two and a quarter for one, and report thereon? Determined in the negative.

A memorial from the securities of Thomas Williams, late collector of Prince-George's county, praying the treasurer may be authorized to receive certificates in payment of the principal and interest due from the said securities, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Nicholas Blacklock and others.