

The bill for the relief of certain purchasers of confiscated property, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Bond.

The report on the petition of Thomas Bond, Onion, was read the second time, and the resolution therein assented to, and sent to the senate by Mr. Norris.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for altering the time of holding the courts, in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed, "By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.  
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The bill for the relief of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 17, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.  
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. Strike out from the word "every" in the 12th line of the 13th page, to the last word "shall" in the 13th line of the same page, and insert the words "persons who shall be received into the said alms or work-house and there receive relief."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. And the bill for the relief of the poor of Caroline county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.  
"By the senate, December 16, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendment.  
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendment proposed. In the 13th page and 6th line, after the word "committed," insert the following additional section, to wit: "And be it enacted, That every person who shall be received into the said alms or work-house, and there receive relief, shall, upon the shoulder of the right sleeve of the uppermost garment of every such person, in an open and visible manner, wear the following badge, to wit, the letters P. C. for the poor of Caroline, as by the overseer of the poor shall be directed and appointed; and if such poor person shall neglect or refuse to wear such mark or badge as aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for any one of the trustees aforesaid to punish every such offender, for every such offence, either by ordering his or her usual allowance to be abridged, suspended or withdrawn, or otherwise by ordering such offender to be whipped not exceeding ten lashes, and kept to hard labour any number of days not exceeding twenty, as to the said trustees shall seem meet; and if any overseer of the poor shall receive into the said alms and work-house, or shall support any such person, not having and wearing such badge or mark as aforesaid, and be thereof convicted upon the oath of one or more credible witnesses or witnesses, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds current money."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act to open the courts of justice, and for other purposes, and to fix the holding of the general court for the eastern shore at Talbot, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Seney, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest,	Dent,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Lecompte,	W. Purnell,	Edmondson,
	Chilton,	Chapman,	Kerr,	Craftford,	Houfton,	Mason,
	Thomas,	W. M'Pherson,	Chamberlaine,	Digges,	Potts,	Banckes,
	Harwood,	Ridgely,	Polk,	F. Bowie,	J. M'Pherson,	Sprigg,
	Chafe,	Ridgely, of Wm. Waggaman,	Quynn,	Norris,	Norris,	Shryock,
	Gantt,	Cockey,	Murray,	Duvall,	Pinkney,	Taylor,
	Parnham,	Sherwood,	Shaw,	Dennis,	Coulter,	41.
N E G A T I V E.						
Mess.	W. Tilghman,	Comegys,	S. Miller,	Bravard,	J. Tilghman,	Hollyday,
	Reed,	Bond,	Matthews,	Seney,		10.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Waggaman.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes therein depending. Ordered, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Duvall and Mr. W. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable the court of appeals to continue certain causes therein depending; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Gantt.

The bill to repeal the act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Coulter, appeared as follow:

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