

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That Francis Deakins be allowed the sum of £. 200 for his trouble in completing the survey, making out plots, and registering the certificates of the said survey? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie, appeared as follow :

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Medicurs	Thomas,	Cockey,	Lecompte,	Seney,	Pinkney,	Banckes,	
	Reed,	Sherwood,	Bond,	W. Purnell,	Jarrett,	Sprigg,	
	Comegys,	J. Tilghman, jun.	S. Miller,	Houltou,	Edmondson,	Shryock,	
	Gantt,	Kerr,	Bravard,	Norris,	Mason,	Taylor.	
	Ridgely, of Wm. Shaw,		W. Bowie,			27.	
		N E G A T I V E.					
Medicurs	Forrest,	Chafe,	W. M'Pherson,	F. Bowie,	Dennis,	Lynn,	
	Chilton,	Worthington,	Chamberlaine,	Quynn,	Potts,	Crabb,	
	W. Tilghman,	Parnham,	Craufurd,	Duvall,	J. M'Pherson,	O'Neale,	
	Harwood,	Dent,	Digges,	Hollyday,	Coulter,	Dorsey.	
	Mercer,					35.	

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

John Hall, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of John Booth, and for confirming his title in certain lands therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 17, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 18, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

The bill to revive and aid the proceedings of Prince-George's county court, endorsed; "By the senate, December 18, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk.
 "By the senate, December 18, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
 "By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.
 And the bill to lay a further tax on the people of Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, and for other purposes, 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. At the end of the bill insert, "And provided also, that if the money directed to be levied on the inhabitants of Harford county should be more than sufficient to complete the said buildings, the surplus shall be applied in aid of the county charges."

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

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 18, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have agreed to pass the bill for laying a further tax on the people of Harford county, only providing by an amendment, that if there should be any surplus arising from the additional tax proposed to be levied and collected, upon completing the public buildings in the said county, the same should be applied in easement of the county charges.—We have departed, in this instance, from an established rule, requiring notice to be given to the respective counties of all intended applications to the legislature for empowering the justices to assess and levy taxes for their local purposes, being induced to dispense with that rule on this occasion, by the information communicated to the senate by the delegates of Harford county, stating the injurious consequences which would follow from a rejection of the bill.—We are, however, determined to adhere rigidly to this rule in future, and shall reject all bills which shall propose to authorize the county courts to impose assessments for local purposes, where the requisite notice hath not been given to the inhabitants of the county. It would, in our opinion, be proper to lay before the general assembly, upon all such applications, an estimate, as accurate as the nature of the case may require, of the sums of money necessary for completing the buildings proposed to be erected, and of the tax probably requisite to be imposed on the inhabitants, and in case of a second application on account of a deficiency in the former assessment, that the justices of any such county should exhibit an account of their expenditures to the legislature for their consideration.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

On the second reading the report on the lands lying to the westward of Fort Cumberland, the question was put, That that part of the report now under consideration which respects the division of Washington county, be postponed till to-morrow morning? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Sprigg, appeared as follow :

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