

N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest, Reed, Harwood, Chafe, Fitzhugh,	Chapman, Sherwood, Kerr, Chamberlaine,	Murray, Shaw, Bravard, W. Bowie,	Seney, Hollyday, Dennis, Houston,	Faw, Jarrett, Edmondson, Mafon,	Banckes, Shryock, Taylor, Crabb. 25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading the bill to incorporate certain persons in every Christian church or congregation throughout this state, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "In the 18th line of the 14th page, after the word "hereditaments," insert, "and any sum or sums of money, or any kind, manner or portion, of goods and chattels." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the proposed amendment? 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	Chilton, Thomas, W. Tilghman, Mercer,	Cockey, Polk, Waggaman,	Bond, Matthews, Craufurd,	Digges, F. Bowie, Potts,	Faw, J. M'Pherfon, Norris,	Coulter, O'Neale, Dorsey. 19.

N E G A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Forrest, Reed, Harwood, Chafe, Worthington, Gantt, Fraizer,	Fitzhugh, Parnham, Dent, Chapman, W. M'Pherfon, Ridgely, Ridgely, of Wm.	Sherwood, J. Tilghman, jun. Kerr, Chamberlaine, Murray, Shaw, S. Miller,	Bravard, W. Bowie, Quynn, Seney, Hollyday, Dennis,	W. Purnell, Houston, Pinkney, Jarrett, Edmondson, Mafon,	Banckes, Sprigg, Shryock, Taylor, Lynn, Crabb. 39.

So it was determined in the negative.

The following message being prepared, the question was put, That the house agree thereto?
BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 19, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

THIS house have given a negative to the bill, entitled, An act to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation throughout this state, because at this late period of the session they cannot give it that attentive consideration which the importance of the subject requires. Complicated and extensive in its nature, it ought to undergo a very deliberate discussion before it is passed into a law; and although its general object may be liable to no exception, yet its particular provisions demand more than a hasty investigation. We are therefore of opinion, that the bill should be published for the consideration of the people, and taken up at the next session, when the sentiments of our constituents may be known upon it, and the subject thoroughly understood.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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, W. Tilghman, Reed, Harwood, Chafe, Worthington,	Fraizer, Fitzhugh, Dent, Chapman, W. M'Pherfon, Ridgely,	Ridgely, of Wm. J. Tilghman, jun. Kerr, Murray, S. Miller, Bravard,	W. Bowie, Quynn, Seney, Dennis, W. Purnell, Houston,	Norris, Pinkney, Jarrett, Mafon, Banckes, Sprigg,	Shryock, Taylor, Lynn, Crabb, O'Neale. 35.

N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Chilton, Cockey, Polk,	Waggaman, Bond, Craufurd,	Digges, F. Bowie,	Hollyday, Potts,	Faw, J. M'Pherfon,	Coulter, Dorsey. 14.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to repeal part of an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice, &c. and also part of an act, entitled, An act for the advancement of justice, by Mr. Comegys.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 19, 1788.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE cannot conjecture the reasons which influenced the senate to reject our bill for repealing the third section of an act for the better administration of justice, &c. also the fourth section of an act for the advancement of justice. We were induced to pass this bill because the sections intended to be repealed are not practised under in any court in this state, except in the courts of Somerset and Worcester, and it appears to us grievous and oppressive that the citizens residing in these two counties should be compelled to give judgment to their creditors the first term, and if any person should be indebted to them, and residing in another county, no judgment can be obtained in less time than twelve months.

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