

There appears to us an inconsistency in the laws as they now stand, that by one law a creditor should have it in his power to obtain judgment for any sum above ten pounds the first court, and for any debt under that sum he should be obliged to wait twelve months.—We have returned the bill to your honours, and are in hopes that on reconsideration, it will receive your assent.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. Whereas the convention of this state did, on the _____ day of _____, ratify a form of government for these United States, proposed by a convention of deputies assembled at Philadelphia, which said form of government has become binding on this state by the adoption of eleven states, according to a stipulation in the said constitution: And whereas many of the good citizens of Maryland are disquieted from apprehensions that the great and fundamental rights of the people are not sufficiently guarded under the said constitution, and are persuaded that valuable amendments may be made therein: And whereas similar impressions operating in the minds of our fellow-citizens in other states, have prevented the ratification of this form of government in two states, who heretofore joined in the social bands of affection and interest, have, by their glorious exertions, established the independence of this empire, and vindicated the rights of mankind, and have also induced the conventions of five other states, who have ratified, earnestly to recommend alterations in the said constitution: In order therefore to reunite our fellow-citizens of all those states which have heretofore composed the confederacy, to quiet apprehensions, and insure that harmony and confidence, without which the government cannot be lasting, or the people happy; RESOLVED, That it be earnestly recommended to the first congress which shall assemble under the said government, to adopt such mode of procuring any amendments or alterations to the said constitution or form of government as may, upon mature consideration of the present circumstances of the union, appear necessary, and consistent with the fifth article thereof.

Which was read the first and second time, and the question put, That the same be taken into consideration to-morrow morning? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Dorsey, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Forrest,	Mercer,	Parnham,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Bravard,	Norris,	
	Thomas,	Chafe,	Dent,	Cockey,	W. Bowie,	Pinkney,	
	Reed,	Worthington,	Caapman,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Quynn,	Jarret,	
	Comegy's,	Gantt,	W. M'Pherson,	Waggaman,	Dennis,	O'Neale.	28.
	Harwood,	Fraizer,	Ridgely,	S. Miller,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Chilton,	Polk,	F. Bowie,	Potts,	Coulter,	Lynn,	
	W. Tilghman,	Bond,	Duvall,	Faw,	Sprigg,	Crabb,	
	Kerr,	Matthews,	Hollyday,	J. M'Pherson,	Shryock,	Dorsey	23.
	Chamberlaine,	Digges,	Houston,	Edmondson,	Taylor,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled, An act to repeal part of an act, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Reed.

The bill to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation throughout the state, and the message respecting the same, were sent to the senate by Mr. Ridgely.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to provide for the collection of taxes due in Anne-Arundel county. ORDERED, That Mr. Potts, Mr. Chafe and Mr. O'Neale, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Chafe brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Charles Worthington, of Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Potts and Mr. Hollyday, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as prevent a citizen from taking a seat in the legislature, or being an elector of the senate, without taking an oath to the support of this government; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Duvall, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of _____; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Potts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to provide for the collection of taxes due in Anne-Arundel county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Faw, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act concerning the public roads in Frederick, Washington, and Harford counties; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower the governor and council to compound with the discoverers of British property, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of sundry merchants of Baltimore-town, the question was put on the following, viz.

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RESOLVED,