

The bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government; the bill to enable the inhabitants of Saint-Paul's parish, in Queen-Anne's county, to elect vestrymen and church-wardens for said parish; severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,
"By the senate, December 22, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."
J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.
And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 23, 1788.

GENTLEMEN,

WE flattered ourselves that the message of the senate of yesterday would have induced your house to have put an end to the session before this time. We have but eight attending members of the senate, and from the indisposition of some of them, and the peculiar circumstances of others, their attendance cannot be expected after this day. We shall pass upon the business now lying on our table, but are determined to take no other into consideration this session, except the journal of accounts, and the continuing bill. If you wish those to be taken up, we request that they be sent immediately, as we are determined to rise this morning.

By order, J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

The report on the petition of John Merriken, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Waggaman, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Forrest,	Chapman,	Kerr,	S. Miller,	Quynn,	Mason,	25.
	Chafe,	W. M'Pherfon,	Murray,	Matthews,	Duvall,	Coulter,	
	Worthington,	Ridgely,	Shaw,	Bravard,	Faw,	Lynn,	
	Fraizer,	Cockey,	Bond,	Digges,	J. M'Pherfon,	Dorsey.	
Fitzhugh,							
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Chilton,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Lecompte,	Dennis,	Jarrett,	Taylor,	20.
	Comegys,	Chamberlaine,	Seney,	W. Purnell,	Banckes,	Crabb,	
	Ridgely, of Wm. Polk,	Polk,	Hollyday,	Houston,	Sprigg,	Cramphin.	
	Sherwood,	Waggaman,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

And thereupon RESOLVED, That John Merriken be and he is hereby empowered and enabled to discharge so much of his bond given to Richard Harwood, Esquire, as may cover the public tax, by paying into the treasury, on his account for the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, specie certificates issued and redeemable by this state, and that he be allowed until the first day of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, to pay the said certificates.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Fraizer.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the supplement to the act, entitled, An act to establish pilots, and to regulate their fees, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,
"By the senate, December 23, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will not pass.
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."
J. DORSEY, clk."

And the bill to dispose of the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland, in Washington county, and to fulfil the engagements made by this state to the officers and soldiers of the Maryland line in the service of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1788: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,
"By the senate, December 23, 1788: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments."
"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."
J. DORSEY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out from the word "fold," in the 7th line of the 6th page, the word "and," in the beginning of the 11th line, and insert "for any kind of specie certificates of this state, to be paid at the time of sale." Strike out the word "common," in the 8th line of the 7th page.

Which were read the first and second time and agreed to.

On the second reading the bill for the division of Washington county, and for erecting a new one by the name of _____, the question was put, That the blank be filled up with the name of Smallwood? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Forrest, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Forrest,	Worthington,	Chapman,	Chamberlaine,	Quynn,	Coulter,	29.
	Chilton,	Gantt,	W. M'Pherfon,	Shaw,	Duvall,	Lynn,	
	Thomas,	Fraizer,	Ridgely,	Lecompte,	W. Purnell,	Crabb,	
	Comegys,	Parnham,	Ridgely, of Wm. Cockey,	Craufurd,	Houston,	O'Neale.	
Harwood,	Dent,		W. Bowic,	Mason,			

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