

The bill in favour of Walter Hanson and Mungo Muffchett, and the bill to indemnify the clerk of the general court in the case therein mentioned, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1788: Read the first and second time by especial order and will not pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Mr. Seney, from the committee of both houses, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE joint committee of both houses, appointed in consequence of the act of November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act to compel the attendance of the members of the general assembly, beg leave to report, that the members of both houses, who did not attend on the first day of the session, have offered such reasons to the committee as have been deemed sufficient to excuse them from the fine imposed by the said act on the members aforesaid.

They further beg leave to report, that the members of both houses, who were absent last session, have satisfied this committee of the reasonable causes of their absence; they therefore are of opinion, that the fines imposed on them should be remitted.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, J. G. WORTHINGTON, clk.

John Smith, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the payment of the journal of accounts, and the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1788: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order, J. DORSEY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

RESOLVED, That the sum of three hundred ninety-four pounds five shillings and ten-pence half-penny, due (as appears on the journal of accounts) from this state to Queen-Anne's county, be applied to the use of the poor of, and erecting a prison for, said county, under the acts, entitled, An act for the relief of the poor of Queen-Anne's county, An act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, and an act, entitled, A supplement to an act for building a new court-house and gaol in Queen-Anne's county, and for other purposes; and that the justices of the peace for the said county, in court sittings, at their next March court, be and are hereby authorized and required to determine and direct the proportions in which the said sum shall be applied to the above purposes.

RESOLVED, That the commissioners of the poor for the said county be and are hereby authorized and empowered to draw upon the treasury of the western shore for such part of the above sum of money as shall be appointed by the justices aforesaid for the use of their said poor, and to apply the same in such manner as they may judge most proper for promoting and carrying into effect the purposes of the said laws relative to that subject; and that the commissioners for building a court-house and prison for the said county, be and are hereby authorized and empowered to draw upon the said treasury for such part of said sum of three hundred ninety-four pounds five shillings and ten-pence half-penny as shall be appointed by the justices aforesaid for erecting a prison for the said county, and to apply the same in building the said prison.

Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Tilghman.

On the second reading the report on the papers and letters respecting the debt due Messieurs Vanstaphorst, the question was put, That the house assent to the first resolution in said report? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house assent to the last resolution in the said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Lecompte, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Forrest,	Sherwood,	Bond,	W. Purnell,	Norris,	Coulter,	
	Comegys,	Chamberlaine,	S. Miller,	Houston,	Pinkney,	Sprigg,	
	Fitzhugh,	Polk,	Matthews,	Potts,	Jarrett,	Lynn,	
	Ridgely,	Waggaman,	Bravard,	Faw,	Edmondson,	Crabb,	
	Ridgely, of Wm. Murray,	Hollyday,	J. M'Pherson,	Banckes,	O'Neale,		33.
	Cockey,	Lecompte,	Dennis,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Chilton,	Gantt,	Kerr,	Digges,	Quynn,	Cramphin,	
	Harwood,	Blake,	Craufurd,	F. Bowie,	J. Tilghman,	Dorsey,	15.
	Mercer,	J. Tilghman, jun.	W. Bowie,				

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by Mr. Murray.

The engrossed bills from No. 36 to 48 inclusive, except No. 44, were read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bills thereof, by Mr. F. Bowie.

The bill to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass with the following amendments? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Comegys, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Forrest,	Gantt,	Ridgely, of Wm.	W. Bowie,	Hollyday,	Faw,	
	Chilton,	Fraizer,	Kerr,	Digges,	Dennis,	J. M'Pherson,	
	Thomas,	Fitzhugh,	Chamberlaine,	F. Bowie,	W. Purnell,	Norris,	
	W. Tilghman,	W. M'Pherson,	Murray,	Quynn,	Houston,	Pinkney,	
	Mercer,	Ridgely,	Craufurd,	J. Tilghman,	Potts,	Jarrett,	31.
	Chafe,						