

the eastern shore and the county of Talbot; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Emory has leave of absence.

On motion, the question was put, That the order of the day for the second reading of the bill for the better administration of justice in the several county courts of this state, be postponed? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messrs	Hopewell,	B Worthington,	M ^r Pherson,	Kerr,
	W. Tilghman,	Fraizer,	Ridgely,	Lowes,
	Moore,	Somervell,	Owings,	Shaw,
	J. Worthington,	Parnham,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Bond,
	Harwood,	Craik,		
			N E G A T I V E.	
Messrs.	Gantt,	Winder,	O'Brien,	Bayly,
	Freeland,	Lecompte,	Purnell,	Love,
	Sherwood,	W. Bowie,	Dennis,	Mafon,

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That the said bill be postponed till Friday next? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? Resolved in the affirmative. ORDERED, That the same have a second reading on Friday next.

The bill to enable the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of John Mitchell, late of Suffex county, in the Delaware state, deceased, for the payment of his debts, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Whereas it appears by the books of the treasury, that sundry persons have claims against this state on certificates issued for money borrowed by this state, which still remain unliquidated agreeably to the act of assembly passed at May session, 1781, and the governor and council do not think themselves authorized to pass an order to the treasurer of the western shore for the payment of the same, agreeably to the act aforesaid, they considering the time granted for bringing in such claims to have elapsed; therefore RESOLVED, That the time for the liquidation and the payment of such claims, agreeably to the act of assembly of May session, 1781, be extended to the first day of August next.

Sent to the senate by Mr. J. Worthington. The house adjourns till 3 o'clock.

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

The house met.

On the second reading of the report respecting the situation of the debtors and creditors under the consolidating act, the question was put, That the house concur with the first paragraph therein, viz. "The committee are of opinion, after considering the above facts, and the laws respecting the state's debtors and creditors, that as the faith and resources of the state were pledged to the latter, it could not, in justice to that faith, take any step that might lessen its means to satisfy its engagements. That therefore, however expedient, in some points of view, an indulgence to the debtor might be, yet that the force of superior obligations requires that the terms and conditions should intrench as little as possible on its means." Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the second paragraph 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.				
Messrs	Carroll,	Harwood,	Ridgely,	Hollingsworth,
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Ridgely, of Wm.	O'Brien,
	Moore,	Parnham,	Owings,	Purnell,
	N. Worthington,	Craik,	Bond,	Dennis,
	J. Worthington,	M ^r Pherson,	Matthews,	Love,
			N E G A T I V E.	
Messrs.	Fraizer,	Somervell,	Shaw,	Quynn,
	Gantt,	Sherwood,	Lecompte,	Seney,
	Freeland,	Kerr,	W. Bowie,	Faw,

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said report, the question was put, That the house concur with the third paragraph in the said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. W. Bowie, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messrs	Carroll,	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Matthews,
	Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Owings,	Oldham,
	W. Tilghman,	Parnham,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Hollingsworth,
	M. Tilghman,	Craik,	Lowes,	Quynn,
	Moore,	M ^r Pherson,	Shaw,	O'Brien,
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Purnell,
	J. Worthington,			
			N E G A T I V E.	
Messrs.	Fraizer,	Somervell,	Lecompte,	Seney,
	Gantt,	Sherwood,	W. Bowie,	Bayly,
	Freeland,	Kerr,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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