

N E G A T I V E					
Mcffis.	N. Worthington,	Ridgely, of Wm. Kerr,	O'Brien,	McHenry,	Burgefs,
	Craik,	Owings,	R. Bowie,	Ott,	Crabb.
	M'Pherson,	J. Tilghman, jun.	W. Bowie,	Lynn,	

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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The amendments were read throughout and agreed to.

The report on the proceedings of the agents on the sales of property taken by the state, and also the situation of collectors since the first of January, 1783, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Craik and Mr. W. Tilghman, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be requested to make inquiry whether the clerks of the several courts in this state, and the sheriffs of the several counties, have been punctual in rendering their accounts, and paying into the treasury all public money received by them in virtue of their offices, and that they order the bonds of those whom they find in default to be put in suit.

Sent to the senate by Mr. W. Tilghman.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the report on the expiring laws, as amended; which was read the first and second time, and thereupon ORDERED, That the committee on the expiring laws prepare and bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to alter the time of holding the court of appeals, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1789: "Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The bill to authorize one justice of the peace to determine in case of small debts, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1789: Read the first time and "ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the "proposed amendments.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. Strike out the words "ten pounds," in the 7th line of the 1st page, and insert "seven pounds ten shillings;" and in the succeeding line strike out the words "one thousand," and insert "seven hundred and fifty." Strike out the words "money or tobacco above specified," in the 10th line of the same page, and insert "five pounds current money, or five hundred pounds of tobacco." In the 8th line of the 2d page insert "seven pounds ten shillings," instead of "ten pounds." In the 9th line of the 2d page strike out the word "twelve," and insert "six." In the 7th page, between the 6th and 7th lines, insert "and they may examine either party, on oath or affirmation, relative to the matter in controversy." In the 8th line of the 7th page, before the word "the," insert the word "during." In the 4th line of the 8th page, before the word "pay," insert the word "not." After the word "notwithstanding," in the 11th line of the 9th page, insert the following clause: "And be it enacted, That judgment shall not be rendered by any justice of the peace upon any matter chargeable in account against the estate of deceased persons, unless an account thereof be produced by the party claiming the benefit thereof, and be verified by the oath or affirmation of such party within the space of one year from the date of the first article therein mentioned, or be so verified by the oath or affirmation of a disinterested witness within the space of three years from the date of the first article mentioned in such account." Strike out from the word "county," at the end of the 2d line of the 10th page, to the word "and," in the 7th line of the same page, and insert "And be it enacted, That the justices of the several county courts within this state shall not hold plea in the said courts of any debt or damage which shall not exceed seven pounds ten shillings current money, or seven hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco, or of any action of trover and conversion, wherein the damages shall not exceed five pounds current money.

"Provided always, That this act be deemed, construed and understood, to extend only to debts or sums of money or tobacco due on contract, and not actions of slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault or battery or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall or may come in question." At the end of the last enacting clause insert the following words: "Excepting all proceedings instituted under the aforesaid two acts, and not finished.

"This act to continue and be in force until the end of the next session of assembly."

Which were read.

The bill to alter such parts of the constitution and form of government as require certain oaths to be taken by members of the general assembly and electors of the senate, endorsed; "By the senate, "December 22, 1789: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 22, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed bill No. 35, with the paper bill thereof; which engrossed bill was thus endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1789: Read and assented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The bill to repeal certain parts of an act, entitled, An act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves, by any last will or testament, and of a supplementary