

The question was put, That the house assent thereto? Determined in the negative.

On the second reading the amendment to 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 act thereto, and for certain other purposes, the question was put, That the house agree to the said amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Members	Hopewell,	M'Pherfon,	Freeland,	Quynn,	Faw,	M'Henry,		
	W. Tilghman,	Ridgely,	Murray,	Duvall,	Dorsey,	Shryock,		
	Moore,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	Purnell,	Pinkney,	Ott,		
	Parnham,	Sherwood,	Bond,	Houfton,	Sterett,	Lynn.	25.	
		N E G A T I V E.						
Members	Carroll,	B. Worthington,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Hollingsworth,	O'Brion,	Banckes,		
	M. Tilghman,	Fraizer,	Kerr,	R. Bowie,	Dennis,	Burgefs,		
	N. Worthington,	Gantt,	Lowes,	W. Bowie,	Norris,	Crabb,		
	J. Worthington,	Somervell,	Winder,	Seney,	Love,	Oneale.	27.	
Harwood,	Owings,	Shaw,						

So it was determined in the negative.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals, the question was put, That the house agree to the last amendment proposed to the said bill? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Members	Carroll,	Parnham,	Lowes,	W. Bowie,	Dorsey,	Lynn,		
	Hopewell,	Sherwood,	Lecompte,	Quynn,	Norris,	Burgefs,		
	Moore,	J. Tilghman, jun.	Hollingsworth,	Seney,	Pinkney,	Crabb.	23.	
	Fraizer,	Kerr,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	Sterett,			
		N E G A T I V E.						
Members	W. Tilghman,	B. Worthington,	M'Pherfon,	Winder,	Dennis,	M'Henry,		
	M. Tilghman,	Freeland,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Houfton,	Shryock,		
	N. Worthington,	Somervell,	Ridgely, of Wm.	O'Brion,	Love,	Ott,		
	J. Worthington,	Craik,	Owings,	Purnell,	Banckes,	Oneale.	25.	
Harwood,								

So it was determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T H U R S D A Y, December 24, 1789.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The engrossed bills No. 11, 24, 33 and 35, were read and assented to, the paper bills were endorsed, and sent to the senate, with the bill to alter the time of holding the court of appeals, the bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals, and the following message, by Mr. Sterett.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 24, 1789.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have acceded to your several amendments to the bill for the more effectual punishment of criminals, except the last; and as this house cannot consent to a longer continuance of the bill than first proposed, we have therefore returned it, in hopes that your honours will recede from the said amendment.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Mr. Purnell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An additional supplementary act to an act, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by Mr. Purnell.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the resolution directing the governor and council to call on the clerks of the several counties and the sheriffs, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 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 dissented to.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 23, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to the resolution requesting the governor and council to inquire into the conduct of the clerks and sheriffs, and to order suits against the defaulters, under an opinion that that department have attended to their duties in these particulars. Soon after their appointment last year, an order of council was made and published on this subject, and we have reason to believe that the necessary measures were pursued for obliging these officers to the discharge of their respective duties.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

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