

ings of said county, and for other purposes, first giving notice to the county courts of the said counties of the time and place of their meeting for the purpose of considering and determining the same, and such determination shall be final and conclusive, and upon its being produced to Baltimore county court, they shall levy and assess the sum by the said arbitrators adjudged to be due, if any, on the taxable property in the said county; and the sum so assessed shall be collected with and in the same manner as the county tax, and paid to the order of Harford county court, and appropriated according to the directions of the said act.

The address to the president of the United States, was read the second time and assented to.

The bill to amend and alter sundry parts of an act of assembly passed at November session, 1782, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate, with the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the importation of slaves into this state, the resolution appointing a commissioner for building a new prison in Annapolis, the resolution respecting the non-commissioned officers and soldiers, and the resolution appointing arbitrators to settle an account between Harford and Baltimore counties, by Mr. Houston.

The report on the petition of Beriah Maybury, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. Quynn, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On the second reading the said bill by especial order, the question was put, That the act to prevent disabled and superannuated slaves being set free, or the manumission of slaves by any last will or testament, passed June session, 1752, be continued till the 31st of October, 1796? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs	M. Tilghman,	Fraizer,	Kerr,	W. Bowie,	Norris,	Shryock,		
	N. Worthington,	Gantt,	Lowes,	Sency,	Love,	Burgeis,		
	J. Worthington,	Somervell,	Shaw,	O'brion,	Banckes,	Crabb,		
	Harwood,	M'Pherfon,	R. Bowie,	Dennis,	Mason,	Oneale.	16.	
	B. Worthington,	J. Tilghman, jun.						
		N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs	Hopewell,	Parnham,	Sherwood,	Quynn,	Houston,	Sterett,		
	W. Tilghman,	Ridgely,	Winder,	Davall,	Faw,	M'Henry,		
	Moore,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	Purnell,	Dorsey,	Lynn.	21.	
	Freeland,	Owings,	Bond,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland. ORDERED, That Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Duvall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate, with the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned by Mr. Quynn.

Daniel Bowley, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill respecting the debtors and creditors of this state under the act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon, 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 24, 1789: Read the second time by especial order and will pass with the proposed amendments.

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. In the 1st page, after the word "council" insert "or any four of them, the governor being one." In the same page, after the word "that," strike out "they" in the 6th line from the bottom, and insert "the said board;" and in the succeeding line of the same page, strike out the words "the said board," and insert "them." Strike out the word "June" throughout the whole bill, and insert the word "August." After the word "mortgaged" in the 4th line of page 4, insert "or otherwise incumbered," twice in this line. In the 4th line from the bottom of the 5th page, after the word "interest" insert "due on such instalment." In the 10th line of the 6th page, strike out the word "thirty" and insert "five." In the 12th line of same page, strike out the words "clerks of the eastern or western shore," and insert "respective clerks of the general court of the eastern or western shore." After the word "notwithstanding" in the 6th line of the 7th page, insert "and in all such or future cases of the like nature, the said chancellor is hereby authorized and empowered to limit a reasonable time to decide thereon in a summary manner, according to the principles of equity and good conscience, without being restricted to the formal proceedings of a court of chancery, or to the order of suits therein depending, or to the stated meetings of the said court; and if it shall be thought necessary by the said chancellor, he may appoint one or more fit and proper person or persons on behalf of the state, to attend upon any surveys of the lands whose title or bounds may be disputed, to take depositions thereon, or to collect any other testimony that may be wanting to illustrate any matter in dispute, or to make the said surveys." In the 8th page, strike out the first enacting clause. After the word "writing" in the last line of the 8th page, insert "and lay the same before the general