

And the resolution directing the auditor to examine the musters of the Maryland line, endorsed by the senate, December 25, 1789: Read the first and second time by especial order and dissent- ed to.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

RESOLVED, That the governor of this state be requested to communicate to the governor of Virginia, that the law and resolution of the said commonwealth respecting the seat of federal government, enclosed in his excellency's letter of the 16th day of December, instant, were laid before the legislature of this state on the point of their rising, so that they had not sufficient time to form a determination thereon.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following message and resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dispatched all the business before us, and are extremely anxious to close the session this evening. We therefore earnestly request you to hasten the subjects remaining before you, that we may immediately put a period to the session. The season of the year, and the desire we feel of returning to our respective families, as well as other considerations, by which both houses must be mutually governed, are the motives of this address.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

Whereas sundry persons have got possession of confiscated British property, under purchases made of the commissioners or late intendant of the revenue, and have not bonded for the same, and may not be able to give security, and others, who have bonded for such property, have proved insolvent, so that the state can neither dispose of the said property, or obtain payment for the same, and the said property is daily suffering by waste; RESOLVED, That the governor and council are hereby empowered to make inquiry, as soon as may be, into the circumstances of all debtors who have purchased confiscated British property, and who have not given bonds for the same, and also into the situation of the said property, and also of all persons who have bonded to the state; and if the governor and council shall be fully satisfied that the said purchasers, and their securities, are insolvent, and are unable to comply with the indulgence granted by the law passed this session for the instalment of public debts, and shall also be convinced that it is for the interest of the state to take back the said property on receiving compensation for the use or damages done thereto, and that the said debtors, and their securities, are insolvent, or unable to give further and adequate security, according to the said instalment law, the said governor and council are hereby empowered, at any time before the first day of May next, to take back the said property, and to compound with such debtors for the use of such property, or any damages done thereto; and the said property shall be thereafter sold in the same manner as other British property.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which were read.

ORDERED, That the committee of claims prepare and bring in a bill for the payment of the journal of accounts.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, the question was put, That the house accede to the first amendment? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Fraizer, appeared as follow:

	A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Me. Craik,	Lowes,	Matthews,	O'Brion,	M'Henry,	Lynn.	10.	
Sherwood,	Winder,	Duvall,	Dorsey,				
	N E G A T I V E.						
Carroll,	Harwood,	Ridgely,	Bond,	Dennis,	Mason,		
Hopewell,	B. Worthington,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Hollingsworth,	Houston,	Sterett,		
W. Tilghman,	Fraizer,	Owings,	R. Bowie,	Faw,	Shryock,		
M. Tilghman,	Gantt,	Kerr,	W. Bowie,	Norris,	Ott,		
Moore,	Fteeland,	Murray,	Quynn,	Pinkney,	Burgefs,		
N. Worthington,	Pamham,	Shaw,	Seney,	Love,	Crabb,		
J. Worthington,	M'Pherfon,	Lecompte,	Purnell,	Banckes,	Oneale.	42.	

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house accede to the second amendment? Determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said amendments, the question was put, That the house accede to the last amendment? Resolved in the affirmative.

The following message being prepared, was sent to the senate, with the bill to continue the acts of assembly therein mentioned, by Mr. Murray.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 25, 1789.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have dissented to your amendments to the bill for continuing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, except the last, and have returned them with the bill for your reconsideration.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

The engrossed bill No. 47, was read, assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, and the resolution in consequence of the communication from the governor of Virginia respecting the federal seat of government, by Mr. Dorsey.