

		N E G A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Plater,	Wilkinson,	Owings,	Oldham,	Harris,	M <sup>c</sup> Pherfon,
	N. Worthington,	Freeland,	Hughes,	Hollingsworth,	Dennis,	Douglafs,
	Harwood,	Stone,	Jones,	Foreman,	Holland,	Jacques.
	J. Worthington,	Parnham,	Goldborough,	Seney,		22.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

ORDERED, That Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. M<sup>c</sup>Mechen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Stone, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Thomas Gantt, a delegate returned for Calvert county, appeared, and after qualifying in the mode prescribed by the constitution and form of government, and taking the oath to support the constitution of the United States, took his seat in the house.

The following question being propounded to the house, viz. That the committee to whom is referred the petition respecting the gradual abolition of slavery, be instructed by the house to express their disapprobation of that part of the said petition which respects the gradual abolition of slavery? The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. B. Worthington, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Plater,	Harwood,	Stone,	Oldham,	F. Bowic,	Rochester,
	Key,	J. Worthington,	Parnham,	Hollingsworth,	Seney,	Jacques,
	N. Worthington,	Wilkinson,	Jones,	Foreman,	M <sup>c</sup> Pherfon,	Dennis,
	B. Worthington,	Freeland,	Steele,	R. Bowic,	Douglafs,	Holland.

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		N E G A T I V E.				
Messieurs	Moore,	Lecompte,	Harris,	M <sup>c</sup> Comas,	Ott,	Beall,
	Tilghman,	Goldborough,	Gomber,	Downes,	Cellar,	Tomlinfon,
	Owings,	R. Bond,	Beatty,	Smith,	Chaille,	Simkins,
	Sherwood,	Qyyna,	Bayly,	M <sup>c</sup> Mechen,	Martin,	Cresap.

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So it was determined in the negative.

The petition of John Manning, was read.  
The petition of fundry merchants, and others, of Baltimore-town, was read, and referred to Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Winder, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Seney, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of fundry inhabitants of Baltimore-town, was read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of fundry merchants, and others, of Baltimore-town.

James Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a letter from his excellency the governor, respecting the appointment of Christopher Richmond, Esquire, state agent; and a letter from the agent, respecting the settlement and passage of the accounts of the state of Maryland with the United States; endorsed; "By the senate, November 15, 1790: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order, H. RIDGELY, jun. clk."

Which were read. ORDERED, That Mr. Stone, Mr. Martin, Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Key, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Goldborough, be a committee to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Alexander M<sup>c</sup>Pherfon and Richard Edelen, of Charles county, praying to be refunded the interest paid on certain bonds executed by them to John Clapham and William Eddis, for bills of credit emitted under the act of 1773, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of John Parnham.

Mr. Tilghman, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Hicks Traverse, of Dorchester county, report, that they have considered the said petition, and find that the object of it is to pass an ex post facto law, tending to deprive the petitioner's brothers and sisters of part of their father's real estate, which became vested in them by the law of descents on the death of the father, whose will was not valid as to a devise of lands. Your committee therefore are of opinion, that it will be improper to grant the prayer of the said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order, JAMES WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read the first and second time and concurred with.

Mr. Oldham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry C. Baker, late a lieutenant in the Maryland line in the service of the United States, report, that they have examined the petition and vouchers of said Baker, and find, from certificates and vouchers produced by him, that the probable cause of his present deplorable condition originated from his services in the army, and therefore your committee think him well entitled to the indulgence of his country, by granting to him half pay during his life, in the same manner that the state has heretofore granted half pay to maimed and disabled officers and soldiers of the Maryland line, and do recommend the following resolution to pass for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That his excellency the governor of Maryland for the time being, be and he is hereby authorized and requested to grant unto the said Henry C. Baker half of the monthly pay which he the said Baker received in the continental army, by orders drawn quarterly on the treasurer of the western shore for that purpose.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

JAMES WINCHESTER, jun. clk.

Which was read.