

N E G A T I V E.

McF. Plater, Stone, Quynn, Bayly, Burgess, Oneale. 7.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate, with the resolution respecting the state's agent, and the message respecting the election of a senator, by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from the treasurer of the western shore, enclosing a list of the purchasers of confiscated property who have not bonded and which remains unpaid, a list of debtors for specifics sold, for arrears of taxes to 1783, and for the emissions of 1769 and 1773, with the amount of certificates and paper emissions now in circulation; which were read.

A petition from Thomas James Bullitt, of Talbot county, respecting a claim of the state against the estate of John Caille Harrison, of Dorchester county, deceased, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Lecompte, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Clark, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Fowler, of Anne-Arundel county, praying an allowance for the maintenance of an infant son of a soldier, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee of claims.

Samuel Hughes, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from George Fitzhugh, praying to be relieved in the purchase of certain confiscated British property; a petition from Elizabeth Wilson, of Saint-Mary's county, respecting certain property willed to her by her deceased father, and intended to be secured to her; and a petition from Overton Carr, of Prince-George's county, respecting a claim against the estate of the reverend Jonathan Boucher; severally endorsed; "By the senate, November 16, 1790: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

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

Which were read, and the petition of George Fitzhugh referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Gough, Mr. Harwood, and Mr. Winder, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Elizabeth Wilson referred to Mr. Key, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Lecompte, to consider and report thereon.

And the petition of Overton Carr referred to Mr. Clark, Mr. F. Bowie, and Mr. B. Worthington, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. J. Worthington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of insolvent debtors confined in sundry gaols of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Washington county, respecting a road, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Rochester, Mr. Ott, and Mr. Oneale, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from William Moore, of Suffex county, in the state of Delaware, praying that a certificate, granted to Outerbridge Horley by this state, may be liquidated, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Winder, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Martin, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. McMechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry insolvent debtors, report, that they have examined the petitions and certificates of Smith Middleton, of Charles county, and Quayle Charles Christian, of Talbot county, and find that they have given due public notice of their intention to petition the legislature, and that they are in actual custody of the sheriff, and it appears that they are not able to pay their debts, and must remain in close confinement, to the great injury of themselves and helpless families, unless relieved by the legislature.

Your committee do recommend the above petitioners to the merciful interposition of the legislature, by passing a law to discharge them from all debts, contracts and agreements, heretofore contracted or made, upon their delivering up all the property they have in the world to their creditors.

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.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, November 17, 1790.

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

Mr. Ridgely brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the benefit of Nicholas Merryman, of Baltimore county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Philip Casson, of Caroline county, a maimed and disabled officer of the Maryland line, praying for an allowance to support him, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition of Henry C. Baker, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Tilghman Earle, of Queen-Anne's county, praying that he may be authorized to sell and convey certain lands for the payment of his father's debts, and to convey certain other lands agreeable to the contract of his said father, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Harris, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Benjamin Nicholson, of Baltimore county, praying that the treasurer may refund the overplus of interest by him paid on certain certificates therein mentioned, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Ridgely, and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

A petition