

Your agent has been further honoured by the governor and the council with an appointment to collect the fund taxes, who, conceiving themselves unauthorised to make such allowance for the same as is considered a reasonable compensation for his time, labour and expences, agreed with him to submit the matter to the legislature, and that he should account to your honours for his conduct in the execution thereof; upon those terms he commenced the collection, and as he conceived two and a half per cent. to be but a moderate commission, and that it was reasonable for the debtors of the fund tax to be on the same footing with the debtors for other taxes, he has required from all those who were twelve months in arrears, two and a half per cent. on their balance, in part of the ten per cent. for which they are chargeable agreeably to their engagements; some have complied with the requisition, others have refused, and still stand charged therewith, as appears by the paper No. 3. He would, indeed, have taken measures to enforce payment, had he not thought it more advisable to await the directions of the general assembly, which he prays may be given as soon as may be consistent with your honours convenience.

Your agent also prays, that your honours will determine on the commission to be allowed him for the collection of the fund taxes, and begs leave to observe, that he cannot close his general account until your decision thereon. He lastly takes the freedom of remarking, that the powers vested in him, as agent, will expire on the first of March next, and that he conceives the completion of the collection, by that time, to be impracticable.

Which was read and referred to Mr. B. Worthington, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Stone, Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. Mr. Duvall, Mr. Rochester, and Mr. Lethrbury, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 13, 1790: On reconsideration will pass.

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

The bill to streighten and amend the several public roads in several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, endorsed; "By the senate, December 9, 1790: Read the first time and ordered "to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 13, 1790: Read the second time and will pass.

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

And the further supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, endorsed; "By the senate, December 7, 1790: Read the first "time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

"By the senate, December 13, 1790: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendment.

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

Amendment proposed. After the word "river" in the proviso annexed to the last enacting clause, insert the words "from tide water."

Which was read the first and second time, agreed to, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the eastern shore do retain in his hands, out of the money appropriated to the use of Washington college, the sum of sixty pounds seven shillings and six-pence, and pay the same to colonel William Richardson, executor of Henry Dickinson, in lieu of the like sum stolen out of the said treasury in the lifetime of the said Henry Dickinson, and part of the funds of the said college.

Sent to the senate, with the message proposing to sit twice a day, by Mr. Bayly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A further supplementary act to the act for building a new church in the city of Annapolis. ORDERED, That Mr. Quynn, Mr. Duvall, and Mr. Stone, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from Simon Nicholls, of Montgomery county, counter to the petition of Simon Reeder, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petitions of insolvent debtors.

Mr. W. Bowie and Mr. Gantt appeared in the house.

A petition from Thomas Bond, of Harford county, stating, that he is a citizen of this state, and took the oaths of allegiance according to law, but, by mistake, was compelled to pay treble taxes, and praying relief in the premises, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Burges, and Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. to consider and report thereon.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill for the better administration of justice in testamentary cases? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Tomlinson, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messrs	Carroll,	B. Worthington,	Kerr,	Goldborough,	Duvall,	Amos,	
	Ringgold,	J. Worthington,	Jones,	R. Bond,	Seney,	Pinkney,	
	Moore,	Stone,	Steele,	Hollingsworth,	Chaille,	Douglafs.	22.
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Lecompte,	Quynn,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messrs	Lethrbury,	Ridgely, of Wm.	W. Bowie,	Downes,	Cellar,	Beall,	
	Wilkinson,	Gough,	Dennis,	Beatty,	Burges,	Tomlinson,	
	Mackall,	Owings,	Holland,	M'Mechen,	Crabb,	Simkins,	
	Freeland,	Sherwood,	M'Comas,	Ott,	Oneale,	Crefap.	24.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to confirm and aid certain proceedings of the orphans court, and register of wills, of Harford county. ORDERED, That Mr. Pinkney, Mr. Tilghman, and Mr. Lethrbury, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.