

	N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	J. Ringgold,	M'Pherson,	Sherwood,	Clark,	Beatty,	S. Smith,
	Scott,	Chapman,	Tilghman,	Duvall,	P. Smith,	M'Mechen,
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Lecompte,	O'Bryon,	Prall,	On,
	N. Worthington,	Ridgely,	R. Bond,	Barnes,	Pinkney,	Turner,
	Craik,	Gough,	Hollingsworth,	Key,	Wilson,	Cresap.
	Hawkins,	Cockey,	Oldham,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The clerk of the senate delivers a letter from the president of the council of this day, enclosing a letter from John Henry, Esquire, on the subject of the bank stock, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1791: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read. ORDERED, That the same be referred to the agent of the bank stock to report thereon.

And the further supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enlarge the powers of the high court of chancery, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, December 20, 1791: Read the second time and will pass with the proposed amendments."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

Amendments proposed. At the end of the bill insert as follows: "And whereas infants, idiots, lunatics, and persons who are not of sound mind, seized of lands, tenements or hereditaments, may be compelled to convey the same, by decree of the court of chancery, for a specific performance of agreements made by the persons under whom they claim, provided application be made to the chancellor by the parties entitled to a conveyance, but there is no legal provision for such a decree as the circumstances of the case may require, upon application made by the representatives or persons interested in the estate of the person who makes a contract for the sale of his lands; Be it enacted, That if any person, seized of any land, tenement or hereditament, hath made, or shall make, a contract for the sale and conveyance thereof, and hath died or shall die without performing his part of the agreement, having devised or left the said land, tenement or hereditament, to descend to a person under twenty-one years of age, or to an idiot, lunatic, or person non compos mentis, in any such case the chancellor, on application by bill or petition of any representative of the deceased interested immediately in having such agreement specifically performed, and on hearing all parties concerned, shall have full power to decree a specific performance, and to direct a conveyance by trustee or guardian, or to decree otherwise, as justice and the established principles of chancery shall require; provided nevertheless, that in the case of an infant no decree shall be made for a specific performance in virtue of this act, unless it shall appear that the guardian or guardians of the infant have consented thereto, or unless the chancellor shall be satisfied that such infant or infants will not be in any manner injured thereby."

Which were read.

The bill to continue and amend the act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, endorsed; "By the senate, December 19, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

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Amendments proposed. Strike out the words "remain in commission," in the 5th line of the 4th page, and insert "act as chief justice of the said court."

And the bill for the benefit of William Wirt, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

"By the senate, December 21, 1791: Read the second time and will pass."

"By order, H. RIDGELY, clk."

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 22, 1791.

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

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Key, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Hollingsworth, Mr. M'Mechen and Mr. Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from sundry inhabitants of Calvert county, proprietors of lots in the town of Lower-Marlbrough, praying an act may pass, appointing commissioners to lay off and designate, by actual survey, the several lots in said town, was preferred, read, and referred to the next session of assembly.

A petition from Thomas Brown, of Prince-George's county, stating that his wife and daughter are at this time in a state of lunacy, and praying relief, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Clark, Mr. Lowes and Mr. T. Gantt, to consider and report thereon.

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

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