

tives of a people holding so high a station in the union as the citizens of Maryland. On the other hand, we cannot ascribe such conduct to a poverty of means, nor can we say that more mature deliberation shewed us that we had over-rated our obligations to Mr. de la Fayette, for who cannot perceive the immense difference in value between his services and a lot of ground, or estimate the consequence to Maryland of his influence and friendship in France.

If the senate appear to shew an unusual concern for the bill in question, it arises from the peculiar and delicate situation into which the legislature is thrown. A small gift or present is proposed, (which the senate do not mean should exceed £. 1000) to one of the most eminent men this age has produced—one who devoted his life and earliest manhood to our cause, at the risk of all his fortune, and contrary to the express commands of his sovereign, and who has since distinguished himself in his own country, by assisting in the renovation of those blessings which he contributed to establish in this. To refuse that gift now, comports neither with the dignity or honour of the state. Thus circumstanced, the senate hope your house will either agree to or negative their amendments, and if negatived, return the bill for their final decision.

By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read, and the question put, That the said bill be returned to the senate, with a message, assigning the reasons of this house for dissenting to their amendments? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Douglass, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Carroll,	T. Gantt, jun.	Goldsbrough,	Clark,	Burkhart,	Turner,	
	T. Bond,	Craik,	Hollingsworth,	T. Gantt,	Pinkney,	Beall,	
	J. Ringgold,	Hawkins,	Oldham,	Quynn,	M'Mechea,	Tomlinson,	
	Mercer,	M'Pherson,	Bowie,	J. P. Marshall,	Ott,	Jacob.	29.
	N. Worthington,	Chapman,	T. Marshall,	Beatty,	Swearingen,		
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	Thomas,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Denwood,	R. Bond,	Dennis,	Love,	
	J. Worthington,	Cockey,	Lowes,	Seney,	Holland,	Wilton,	
	Wilkinson,	Tilghman,	Lecompte,	O'Bryon,	P. Smith,	Douglass,	
	Chesley,	Waggaman,	Miller,	Barnes,	Prall,	Oncale.	25.
	T. Harwood,						

So it was resolved in the affirmative,

Whereas some doubts have been entertained on the construction of the resolution passed last session of assembly, giving the auditor-general a power, under the direction of the governor and council, to adjust all open and unsettled accounts between the state and individuals; therefore it is **RESOLVED AND DECLARED**, That the said resolution doth and shall extend to all claims against this state by the citizens thereof, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; provided, that said claims be produced and passed before the first day of January, 1793.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers a bill, entitled, An act concerning the bank stock, endorsed; "By the senate, December 29, 1791: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

Which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The resolution respecting the liquidation of the depreciation of pay due to officers who did not complete the term of service agreeably to act of congress, endorsed; "By the senate, December 21, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 29, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The resolution for prohibiting the payment of interest on certificates issued by this state, that were subscribable under the act of congress making provision for the debt of the United States, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 29, 1791: Read the second time and assented to."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year 1792, and for other purposes. **ORDERED**, That Mr. Mercer, Mr. Oncale and Mr. Craik, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to appoint an agent for the year 1792, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. S. Smith appeared in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution respecting John Savin's heirs, endorsed; "By the senate, December 27, 1791: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk.

"By the senate, December 29, 1791: Read the second time and dissented to."

"By order,

H. RIDGELY, clk."

The following resolution:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER, 29, 1791.

**RESOLVED**, That John Savin, heir at law to Thomas Savin, or his legal representatives, shall have power to install agreeably to the terms of the installment law passed at November session, 1789, for