

action of the public business, it would not have been attended with a wish to leave it in an unfinished state.

By order, W. HARWOOD, clk.

On motion, the question was put, That the second reading of the bill for the encouragement of learning, and erecting schools in the several counties on the eastern shore, agreeably to the order of the day, be postponed till the first day of February next? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Denwood; appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Plater,	Brogden,	Cockey,	Contee,	Jarrett,	Jacques,
	T. Ringgold,	Mackall,	Ridgely,	Quynn,	Amos,	Crabb,
	Tilghman,	Freeland,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Duvall,	O'Donnell,	Threlkeld,
	J. Ringgold,	Brooke,	Forman,	Purnell,	Ott,	Bayard,
	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	Clark,	Beatty,	Swearingen,	Johnson,
	N. Worthington,	Hawkins,	Sprigg,	Sappington,	Cromwell,	Tomlinson.
	J. Worthington,	Campbell,				38.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Sherwood,	Frazier,	Oldham,	Buteher,	Corbin,	Douglafs,
	Cox,	Eccleston, jun.	Ewing,	Hutchings,	Prall,	Loockerman,
	Gibson,	Goldsbrough,	O'Bryon,	Townsend,	Hughlett,	Oneale,
	Jones,	Hollingsworth,	Barnes,	Dennis,	Driver,	Beall.
	Denwood,					25.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of Dennis Griffith, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Loockerman, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Plater,	Cockey,	Oldham,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	Jacques,
	J. Ringgold,	Ridgely,	Forman,	Duvall,	Driver,	Beall,
	Brogden,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Clark,	Hutchings,	O'Donnell,	Bayard,
	Hawkins,	Eccleston, jun.	Sprigg,	Beatty,	Crabb,	Johnson.
	Campbell,	Hollingsworth,	Contee,	Sappington,	Threlkeld,	29.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Ringgold,	Brooke,	Dashiell,	Barnes,	Prall,	Ott,
	Tilghman,	M'Pherson,	Denwood,	Burcher,	Amos,	Swearingen,
	Harwood,	Sherwood,	Frazier,	Townsend,	Hughlett,	Cromwell,
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	Goldsbrough,	Dennis,	Douglafs,	Oneale,
	Mackall,	Gibson,	Ewing,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Tomlinson.
	Freeland,	Jones,	O'Bryon,	Corbin,		34.

So it was determined in the negative.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Basil Williams and John Crookshanks, of Cæcil county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and find that judgment has been obtained by the state against Patrick Hamilton, and the petitioners, for upwards of two thousand pounds current money; that the said Patrick Hamilton has taken the benefit of the act of the last session respecting insolvent debtors, and his property, as by law directed, has been conveyed to Davidson David, his trustee, and therefore, at present, is out of the reach of the process of law, and the persons and property of the petitioners are liable to an immediate execution. It appears by a schedule of the property of Patrick Hamilton, which has been laid before the committee, that in all probability it will be sufficient to discharge the claim of the state. The committee are of opinion that time ought to be given to the petitioners, in order to afford an opportunity to the trustee of Patrick Hamilton to dispose of his property to discharge the state's judgment; and they therefore recommend the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That no execution shall issue on the judgment obtained by the state of Maryland, in the general court of the eastern shore, against Patrick Hamilton, Basil Williams and John Crookshanks, until the tenth day of November next.

By order,

J. O'BRYON, 3d. clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Ridgely, of Wm. from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act supplementary to an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual paving the streets of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, and for other purposes, (as amended); which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of captain John Nicholson, of Kent county, report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and believe the facts therein stated to be true. They find that the petitioner served as an officer in the navy during the whole of the late war, first for about fifteen months in the service of the state of Maryland, and afterwards in the service of the United States; that the commutation granted to the officers of the army, was not extended to the navy; and, as captain Nicholson did not serve three years under the state appointment, the depreciation of his pay, whilst in their service, was not made good to him.

The committee are of opinion that the case of the petitioner is singular; that as he served upwards of a year in the state of Maryland, and afterwards, during the whole war, in the navy of the United States, and received his pay in paper money whilst in the service of the United States, he is, in justice,