

A F F I R M A T I V E

Messieurs	Thomas, Ford, Plowden, Tilghman, Wilmer, Harwood, N. Worthington, Brogden, Mackall,	Freeland, Brooke, Grahame, M'Pherson, Hawkins, Campbell, Cockey, Gough, Sherwood,	Cox, Kers, Jones, Dashiell, Denwood, Eccleston, Hollingsworth, Oldham, Ewing,	Sprigg, Contee, Quyan, Duvall, O'Bryon, Hutchings, Townsend, Dennis,	Parrell, Corbin, Beatty, Dorley, Sappington, Amos, Driver, M'Mechen,	Ott, Sunderland, Cromwell, Jacques, Onick, Beall, Bayard, Tomlinson.
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Mr.	Ridgely, Ridgely, of Wm.	Barnes, Nelson,	Jarrett, Prall,	Hughlett, Douglass,	Loockerman, Crabb,	Wootton.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be received as an amendment to the said bill? "And provided, that the said imprisoned debtors, at the time of their discharge, if required by the chancellor, shall enter into bond, in such penalty and with such security as the chancellor shall direct and approve, conditioned for their personal appearance at such time or times as the said chancellor shall direct, to answer the allegations of their creditor or creditors according to the provisions aforesaid; and if the said debtors shall not enter into bond as aforesaid, if required by the chancellor, then such debtors shall remain in confinement until their applications (if objected to) shall be decided on." Resolved in the affirmative.

The bill was read throughout, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.
Mr. Campbell and Mr. Wilmer have leave of absence.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 17, 1792.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Beall, Mr. Wilmer, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Gough and Mr. Forman. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Chapman appeared in the house.

The clerk of the senate delivers the following message:
BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 15, 1792.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS house having taken into their deliberation the bill, entitled, An act to arrange, regulate and discipline, the militia of this state, according to an act of the congress of the United States, entitled, An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States, consider the provision therein, obliging the whole militia of the state to exercise four times in each year in times of peace, as susceptible of a modification that may ease the citizen without a departure from the law of congress, or incurring danger to the state or the United States, experience having shewn a few weeks of actual service against an enemy to be equivalent to several years of ordinary militia duty. This house have also objections to some of the fines, as being too heavy to be borne by a certain portion of the community, especially when connected with the expence they must incur in furnishing themselves with arms and other military apparatus required by the act of congress. The senate would further suggest the inexpediency of immediately, and before the appearance of necessity, officering the whole militia of the state, in as much as thereby a proportion of men of talents and merit would be excluded from a seat in the legislature, without even a prospect of correspondent advantage resulting to the state from such a measure. In order therefore to facilitate a union of sentiments on these and such other provisions of the bill as may be thought proper to be altered, and with a view to shorten the session, we propose a conference between the two branches, and have appointed James Hollyday, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and James M'Henry, Esquires, a committee on the part of the senate.

By order, H. RIDGELY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to continue the acts of assembly for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore, and for other purposes. ORDERED, That Mr. M'Mechen, Mr. Hollingsworth and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Campbell, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue an act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and the supplement thereto; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to dispose of certain confiscated British property; which was read, and referred, with the petition from Edmund Jenings, to the next session of assembly.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill, entitled, A Supplement to the act for the relief of insolvent debtors. ORDERED, That Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Jones and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. M'Mechen, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to continue the acts of assembly for the inspection of salted provisions exported and imported from and to the town of Baltimore, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.