

you, when you consider that by this measure you will gratify the wishes of the majority of the people, you will not hesitate to determine upon a renunciation of partial opinions, and carry into effect those of your constituents. We consider the responsibility of the representative to the constituent body not only to be necessary in the house of representatives, but equally so in the senate, and that there can be no responsibility unless your proceedings be subject to public inspection. Governments founded upon reason and supported by the affections of the people, are the only governments that are desirable, and to which we can predict with certainty a permanent continuance. But it can hardly be supposed that Americans will be attached to things they do not understand. In the days of chivalry and monkish ignorance, and in those countries now deplorably enveloped in mental darkness, men might be disposed to venerate objects because they are mysterious, and a sanctity and reverence have been often ascribed to things concealed, which, if the objects of public inspection, would be contemplated as ridiculous: But the government of the United States is the legitimate offspring of the people, and as such they watch over it with a parental solicitude, and are anxious to be cognizant of all its transactions. They are convinced that it is capable of bearing the test of scrutiny, and that there is no necessity for drawing the mask of privacy over the face of your proceedings. We therefore instruct you, to exert your abilities to effectuate an object so generally desirable. If this object be not attained, we contemplate an alienation of the affections of a great number of the people from that branch of the legislature, and almost a radical destruction of that confidence, without which our laws will be less energetic in their operations, and government deprived of half its benefits.

Which were read.

The bill to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday morning next? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Tilghman,	Digges,	Kerr,	R. Bond,	Whittington,	Montgomery,
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Goldborough,	Ewing,	Dennis,	Loockerman,
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Denwood,	Bowie,	Jamison,	M'Mechen,
	Brogden,	T. Worthington,	Daffin,	Duval,	Jarrett,	R. Wootton,
	Ridout,	Howard,	Gordon,	Barnes,	Prall,	Simkins. 33.
Freeland,	Cox,	Hollingsworth,				
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	W. Thomas,	Frazier,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Van Lear,	Oneale,
	Kilgour,	Ward,	O'Bryon,	Douglafs,	Hughes,	Tomlinson. 16.
	King,	T. Wootton,	Houfton,	Swearingen,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill for the better prevention of the destruction and stealing of wood, was read the second time, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative, and sent to the senate, with the supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the several public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes, by the clerk.

The bill to explain an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, 1792, was read the second time by especial order, and passed.

On the second reading the message on the bill respecting Cornelius West, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill on the principle mentioned in said message? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the encouragement of manufactories in this state, is referred to the next session of assembly.

The supplement to an act, entitled, An act to alter and amend the law in certain cases, and to repeal the ninth and tenth sections of the said act, was read the second time, and passed.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, December 25, 1793.

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

The bill for the establishment of a market for the sale of live stock in or near to Baltimore-town, was read the second time, and passed.

The report on the reports of the agent of the state, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Kilgour, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Tilghman,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Daffin,	T. Wootton,	Whittington,	Oneale,
	Harwood,	Howard,	Gordon,	Quynn,	Dennis,	R. Wootton,
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	Hollingsworth,	Duval,	Houfton,	Johnson,
	Ridout,	Kerr,	R. Bond,	O'Bryon,	Prall,	Bayard,
	Freeland,	Goldborough,	Ward,	Barnes,	Loockerman,	Tomlinson,
J. Thomas,	Denwood,	Ewing,	Seney,	Crabb,	Simkins. 37.	
Digges,						
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	W. Thomas,	King,	Purnell,	Jamison,	Douglafs,	Van Lear,
	Kilgour,	Frazier,	Beatty,	Montgomery,	Swearingen,	Hughes. 13.
	T. Worthington,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

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