

Mr. Driver, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to erect a new bridge over Great Choptank river, in Caroline county; which was read the first and second time by especial order, passed, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

Mr. Key, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act directing returns to be made to the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill relative to the proceedings in the court of chancery, and in the land-office, as amended; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, ORDERED, That the Printer to the state be directed to strike two hundred copies of the additional supplement to the act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, and to continue certain parts of the said act, and the supplementary acts thereto.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

The amendments to the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, were read the second time and agreed to, except the fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth, and, on motion, the question was put, That the house agree to the following message?

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 22, 1795.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE are induced to send back the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors for your reconsideration, under an expectation that you will agree to recede from the amendments which require that the concurrence of three fourths of the creditors, in value, must be obtained before the party can derive any of the indulgences held out by the bill; in a very few instances, perhaps in not one which are comprised in the bill, can this requisite concurrence of the creditors be obtained, the consequence must be, that to several of the persons mentioned in the bill, some of whom are now suffering a rigorous confinement, and are real objects of the legislative indulgence, the relief contemplated in the bill must be delusive.

We would also state, that there are instances where this concurrence cannot be had within the time prescribed, on account of the distance of the several creditors from one another; besides, the objects of relief cannot flatter themselves with the most distant prospect of meeting with the acquiescence of those creditors, whose rigour, in a variety of instances, may have forced them to apply for the interposition of the legislature. We have agreed to all the other amendments, except those which disallow of the preference given by the insolvent to security, from which we hope you will also recede.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

W. Thomas,	J. Thomas,	Craig,	Corbin,	Ringgold,	Reintzel,
Hopewell,	Parnham,	Robertson,	Baer,	Jacques,	J. Johnson,
Ridout,	M. Pherson,	R. Bond,	Beatty,	Davis,	Lynn,
Hall,	Merryman,	Ward,	J. Bond,	Burgess,	Cresap,
Brome,	Roberts,	Quynn,	Montgomery,	Oneale,	Beall.
Chesley,	Carroll,	O'Bryon,	Clarke,		34.
N E G A T I V E.					
Spencer,	Martin,	Hyland,	Hollingworth,	T. Bowie,	Driver,
Barroll,	Gale,	Steele,	Calvert,	C. Frazier,	Key.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

RESOLVED, That the examiner-general of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a deputy, who shall have all the powers of the said examiner-general, provided the said deputy be approved of by the governor and council, and shall qualify in the same manner as the examiner-general is required by law to qualify.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Harford county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The bill for the more speedy recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures, was read the second time by especial order and passed.

The bill respecting certain lands lying within this state claimed by Edmund Jennings, Esquire, of the city of London, was read the second time and passed.

The bill respecting a tract of land lying within this state claimed by Thomas Digges, Esquire, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, was read the second time by especial order, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? Determined in the negative.

The bill further extending the time for making returns of certain certificates and plots, was read the second time and passed.

The report on the memorial of Christopher Richmond and John Wright, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house assent to the resolution therein contained? The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Spencer,	J. Thomas,	Gilpin,	Key,	Montgomery,	Jacques,
Barroll,	Roberts,	R. Bond,	C. Frazier,	M'Comas,	Reintzel,
Finkney,	Steele,	Ward,	Beatty,	Driver,	J. Johnson,
J. Worthington,	Hollingworth,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	Ringgold,	Lynn.
Hall,					25.

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