

	N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	W. Thomas, Hopewell, Neale, Ridout, Hall,	Brome, Sprigg, Burne, Parnham, Digges,	Campbell, Duckett, Quynn, Key, Nicholson,	Robins, Wilson, Brother, Quyna, jun.	Bowles, Reintzel, Swearingen, Oneale,	J. C. Beatty, Clarke, Beall, Tomlinson. 27.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the senate by the clerk.

A petition from Samuel Patterfon Wallace, of Cæcil county, praying the treasurer may be directed to reimburse the caution money by him paid to affect a tract of land called Minor's Lot, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Worthington, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Hollingsworth, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Parnham, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report: THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Mankin, of Charles county, beg leave to report, that they have taken the same into consideration, and see no just cause why the state should give up to the said Mankin the balance, which, from the agent's accounts, and from other vouchers, appears to be justly due to the state, but as the debt appears to be well secured, they would recommend the petitioner to the clemency of the legislature, and that all proceedings in law against him and his securities be suspended, provided he shall pay to the state's agent, on or before the tenth day of November next, one third part of the balance due from him, and one third part on the tenth day of November annually thereafter until the whole shall be paid up. All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

On the second reading of the report on the petition of the proprietors of the Susquehanna canal, the question was put, That the house assent to the following resolutions?

RESOLVED, That George Gale, Samuel Hughes, James Carroll, Thomas Wallace, John Stump, of Deer creek, Jonathan Ellicott and William Moore, of Cæcil county, be appointed commissioners to survey and make report to the next session of assembly on the situation of the river Susquehanna, so far as relates to the navigation thereof, or the probability of making the same navigable, particularly that part thereof lying below the Maryland line; and that the said commissioners make out and return with their report an estimate of the sum of money which in their judgment it would require to accomplish a purpose of such magnitude.

RESOLVED, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall state and annex to the said report a statement of facts for the information of the general assembly.

Determined in the negative.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, December 26, 1796.

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

Mr. Hollingsworth, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Patterfon Wallace, of Cæcil county, report, that they find the allegations made in said petition to be true, and are of opinion that the petition ought to be granted; they therefore suggest the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Samuel Patterfon Wallace, of Cæcil county, twenty-six pounds five shillings and six-pence, being for caution and improvement money paid to the treasurer on a tract of land in said county called Minor's Lot, which land is found to be in Talbot's manor.

All which is submitted to the house.

By order,

Z. HUGHES, clk.

Which was read the first and second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

The clerk of the senate delivers the resolution in favour of Benjamin Hatcheson, endorsed; "By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and assented to."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of Alexander Contee Hanson, endorsed; "By the senate, December 22, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time and assented to."

"By order,

A. VAN HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of Philip Casson, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 24, 1796: Read the second time by especial order and assented to."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The bill to provide for the payment of costs of suits to which the state may be a party, endorsed; "By the senate, December 20, 1796: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table."

"By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

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