

F R I D A Y, December 9, 1803.

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

A petition from Henry Stevenson, former sheriff of Baltimore county, stating that there is a sum of money due from the county aforesaid to him for supporting criminals while sheriff, and praying an act may pass for levying on the said county the amount of his claim, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Lemmon and Mr. Dickson, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, stating, that formerly he was inspector of tobacco at Fell's Point, and when he gave up the inspection-house there were several hogsheads of tobacco missing, for which he paid the owners, and that afterwards the said tobacco was found, and praying that the levy court of said county may be authorised to sell the said tobacco so found, and return him the money which he heretofore paid, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Harwood, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of Robert Amos was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to incorporate companies to make several turnpike roads through Baltimore county, and for other purposes, have a second reading on Thursday next.

The bill for the relief of Caleb Summers, of Montgomery county, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from John Lyon, of Montgomery county, praying an act may pass confirming to him a title to certain property acquired while an alien, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. T. Davis, Mr. Swearingen and Mr. Linthicum, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, the question was put, That the first clause in the said bill which recites the act of congress with respect to the militia be stricken out? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the said bill? "provided that no person shall be exempted from conscientious scruples who shall not produce to the captain of the district in which he resides, a certificate from some licensed preacher or minister of the gospel, or signed by the proper officer of some religious meeting, that such person is a professed and attending member of a religious society, whose tenets forbid their bearing arms." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Barber,	Mercer,	Carcaud,	Dashiell,	Frazier,	Sturgis,	Smith,	Linthicum,	
	R. Neale,	Hall,	Stuart,	Carroll,	Calvert,	Purnell,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	
	W. Neale,	Grahame,	Jones,	Cottman,	Muir,	Young,	T. Davis,	Tomlinson,	
	Hopewell,	Gantt,	M'Pherson,	Hyland,	Thompson,	Pearce,	Veatch,	Simkins.	37.
	Thomas,	Holland,	Brown,	Goldsborough,	Sudler,				

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ireland,	Dorsey,	Veazey,	Van-Horn,	Lowrey,	Montgomery,	Rich,	Kershner,	
	Angier,	Lemmon,	Miller,	Lyles,	Wilson,	Forwood,	Turpin,	Zeller,	
	Hatcheson,	Ridgely,	Sheredine,	Shaaff,	Shriver,	E. Davis,	Dickson,	Yates,	
	Harwood,	Keene,	Alexander,	Roberts,	Clarke,	Lytle,	Dugan,	Cresap.	32.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause be inserted in the said bill? to wit: "And be it enacted, that all militia officers now in commission shall continue in their respective offices, any thing in this act notwithstanding." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messieurs	Barber,	Grahame,	Dashiell,	Goldsborough,	Calvert,	Wilson,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	
	R. Neale,	Stuart,	Carroll,	Frazier,	Shaaff,	Purnell,	T. Davis,	Tomlinson,	
	W. Neale,	Jones,	Cottman,	Keene,	Sturgis,	Young,	Veatch,	Cresap,	
	Hopewell,	M'Pherson,	Hyland,	Bayly,	Williams,	Zeller,	Linthicum,	Simkins.	34.
	Harwood,	Ridgely,							

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	Angier,	Dorsey,	Brown,	Alexander,	Sudler,	Montgomery,	Turpin,	Kershner,	
	Hatcheson,	Gantt,	Rose,	Van-Horn,	Lowrey,	Forwood,	Pearce,	Smith,	
	Thomas,	Holland,	Veazey,	Lyles,	Hawkins,	E. Davis,	Dickson,	Yates.	38.
	Mercer,	Carcaud,	Miller,	Thompson,	Shriver,	Lytle,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow? Resolved in the affirmative.

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