

N E G A T I V E.

Angier,	Hall,	Lloyd,	Alexander,	Sudler,	Clarke,	Rich,	Zeller,
Hatcheson,	Dorsey,	Rose,	Lyles,	Williams,	Montgomery,	Dickson,	Smith,
Thomas,	Grahame,	Veazey,	Shaaff,	Hawkins,	Forwood,	Dugan,	Yates.
Harwood,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Roberts,	Shriver,	E. Davis,	Kershner,	

The house being equally divided, the question was declared in the negative by the speaker.

ORDERED, That the further consideration of the said amendments be postponed.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 24, 1803.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read. Mr. Sturgis has leave of absence.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Williams has leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The bill to enable Samuel Hooper, of Dorchester county, to sell and convey certain lands therein mentioned, was read the second time and passed.

A petition from Samuel Croxall, of Baltimore county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Mercer, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee appointed to inquire whether any and what farther measures are necessary and proper on the part of this state in order to establish the western boundary thereof, have referred to the resolution of the legislature of Maryland, passed during the November session, 1801; they have also attentively perused the correspondence of the executive of this state with that of Virginia, and the resolution of the legislature of Virginia on this subject; from all which it appears evident, that the state of Virginia is not, at this time, disposed to adopt any measures calculated to meet a discussion of the right of this state to the territory included between the north and south branch of Patowmack: Although the western boundary line of this state cannot be definitively settled until it shall be finally agreed between the two states which of those branches ought to be deemed the main branch of the river, yet, as the committee are furnished with evidence satisfactory to them, that a source of the northern branch has been discovered some distance farther to the westward than that which has been hitherto reputed the corner south boundary of the state, which consequently, on a line running due north for more than thirty miles, till it intersects the Pennsylvania line, might add considerably, not only to the jurisdiction, but also to the property of the state, and it being understood that a considerable portion of these lands, which falls between the present and expected lines of intersection, has remained unlocated, from the uncertainty of the boundary, and as the state of Virginia, by their resolution before referred to, appears to be willing and prompt to adopt the necessary measures to enable this state to secure that portion of her claims, your committee have prepared and submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and required to adopt the measures necessary to carry into effect, as soon as may be, in concert with the state of Virginia, the resolution of the legislature of this state, passed during the November session, 1801, so far as the same can be effected conformably with the resolution of the legislature of Virginia of the 26th day of January, 1802, by causing to be run, by commissioners as therein proposed, a line from the most western source of the north branch of Patowmack, due north, till it intersects the Pennsylvania line, which line, when agreed upon, run and marked, by and under the authority of the said commissioners, shall be considered and held as the western boundary line between this state and the state of Virginia, until farther and definitive measures shall be taken to ascertain the southern boundary of this state.

By order,

D. C. HOPPER, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Montgomery, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act relating to the records in the office of the register of wills for Harford county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

Mr. Shaaff, from the committee, delivers to the speaker a bill, entitled, An act empowering the chancellor to direct a sale of the real estate of Richard Jacob Duckett, late of Prince-George's county, deceased, for the purposes therein mentioned; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the vestrymen of All-Hallow's parish, in Anne-Arundel county, praying an act may pass authorising them to raise by lottery a sum of money for the purpose of enclosing the burial-ground and repairing the church of said parish, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Hall and Mr. Dorsey, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Linthicum, from the committee, delivers to the speaker the following report: