

By the SENATE, December 13, 1809.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates;

WE have received your message proposing to close the present session on Saturday, 23d instant. The senate are seriously disposed to join you in that measure, or at an earlier period if practicable.

By order,

T. ROGERS, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Jump appears in the house.

The house, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the second reading of the bill respecting writs of habeas corpus, and, on motion by Mr. Bayly, the question was put, That the following words be stricken out of the first clause? to wit: "and before the removal of the prisoner the charges of bringing him, not exceeding ten cents a mile, to be ascertained by the court or judge who awarded the writ, and to be endorsed thereon, shall be paid or tendered, and sufficient security shall likewise be given for paying the charges of carrying him or her back, in case he or she be remanded, and that he or she will not escape by the way." Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Shall the said bill pass? Resolved in the affirmative, and the bill sent to the senate.

Mr. J. E. Spencer delivers a bill, entitled, An act to ascertain and declare the condition of such issue as may hereafter be born of negro or mulatto female slaves during their servitude for years, and for other purposes therein mentioned; which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and, on motion by Mr. Boyle, the question was put, That the blank in the first clause, increasing the jurisdiction of magistrates, be filled up with the words "one thousand dollars?" The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs W Moffitt Boyle 2

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Hall	Chapman	Seth	Groome	J E Spencer	Baer	Willis	Brent
	Angier	C Dorsey	Bayly	J S Moffitt	Palmer	J H Thomas	Jump	S Thomas
	Harris	Harryman	Winder	Physick	Prideaux	Schley	Worthington	Veatch
	Belt	M Brown	Cottman	Calvert	Quinton	Archer	Bland	Hilleary
	A Dorsey	Randall	Lecompte	Magruder	Wilson	Forwood	Bowles	Bayard
	Sellman	Stevens	Griffith	J Brown	Hayward	Davis	Cellar	Cresap
	Williams	Kerr	Frazier	Hopper	J Thomas	Streett	Tabbs	Reid
	Wilkinson							

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Archer, the question was put on "one hundred dollars." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs W Moffitt Harryman Randall Palmer Archer Forwood Davis Streett Brent 9

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Plater	Sellman	Seth	Groome	J Brown	Hayward	Jump	S Thomas
	Hall	Wilkinson	Bayly	J S Moffitt	Hopper	J Thomas	Worthington	Veatch
	Angier	Chapman	Winder	Physick	J E Spencer	Baer	Bland	Hilleary
	Harris	C Dorsey	Cottman	Calvert	Prideaux	J H Thomas	Bowles	Bayard
	Belt	M Brown	Lecompte	Magruder	Quinton	Schley	Cellar	Cresap
	A Dorsey	Stevens	Griffith	Boyle	Wilson	Willis	Tabbs	Reid
	Williams	Kerr	Frazier					

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brent, the question was then put on "sixty dollars." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Bland, the question was then put on "fifty dollars." The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

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Messrs	Hall	A Dorsey	Stevens	J S Moffitt	Hopper	Schley	Willis	Cellar
	Angier	Williams	Seth	Physick	J E Spencer	Archer	Jump	Brent
	Harris	Harryman	Griffith	Calvert	Palmer	Forwood	Worthington	Hilleary
	W Moffitt	M Brown	Frazier	Magruder	Prideaux	Davis	Bland	Reid
	Belt	Randall	Groome	J Brown	Quinton	Streett	Bowles	

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	Plater	Chapman	Bayly	Lecompte	Hayward	J H Thomas	S Thomas	Bayard
	Sellman	C Dorsey	Winder	Boyle	J Thomas	Tabbs	Veatch	Cresap
	Wilkinson	Kerr	Cottman	Wilson	Baer			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kerr, the question was put, That the words "one justice" be stricken out of said clause? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the question was then put, That the following be added to the first clause? to wit: "provided nevertheless, that on the suggestion of either party, plaintiff or defendant, made before such justice of the peace, demanding a trial of his cause by a jury of his county, he shall be entitled to the same, and