

this state; and although the original deed or record thereof at length may not be lost or destroyed, yet the judges of the general court may, in their discretion, admit the record entries as afore-  
said, to be made by the clerk of the general court, or attested copies of the same, to be given in evidence in all cases in the said court, where the judges shall be of opinion, from the circum-  
stances of the case and the nature of the dispute, that it is not necessary to have the deed at length; provided that no such record entry or copy of the same, shall be admitted in evidence, if the party against whom the same is intended to be used, shall give the other party notice a term be-  
fore the trial of the cause, to produce the original deed, or a full copy of the same, from the record.  
Which amendments were read.

And a representation from Richard Anderson, Perry Benson, James Somerville, James Bruff, and James Ewing, late captains in the Maryland line, and John Lynn, John Freeman, and Isaac Hanson, late lieutenants in the same line, invalids, endorsed; "By the senate, Decem-  
ber 8, 1785: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.  
"By order,  
J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read, and referred to Mr. Bracco, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. N. Worthington, and Mr. Turner, to consider and report thereon.

A memorial from Simon Nicholls, late collector of Montgomery county, praying an act may pass, restoring him to his power of collecting the residue of the taxes due for the year 1782, in Montgomery county, which was taken from him by an act of last session, and transferred to Alexander Catlett, one of his securities, and giving him a reasonable time to make the said col-  
lection; was preferred and read.

A petition from Thomas Beatty, of Frederick county, praying that an act may pass, authori-  
sing the issuing of new warrants for certain vacant lands, in lieu of old warrants, which were never executed; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Joseph Dashiell, and Mr. Faw, to consider and report thereon.

The memorial of Simon Nicholls, was referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Faw, Mr. Somerville, and Mr. F. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

The petition of Henry Oneale, of Montgomery county, was referred to Mr. Beall, Mr. Parnell, and Mr. Norris, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Wheeler appeared in the house.

Mr. John Dashiell brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Samuel Trehern, Samuel Killam, Ezekiel Langford, and Ephraim Adams, or any three of them, to sell and dispose of part of the real estate of John Long, deceased, of Somerset county, for the payment of his debts; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Samuel and John Smith, of Baltimore town, praying that the ship *Margaretta*, of which they are in possession, captured from the British at the siege of York, may not be af-  
fected by the act to impose duties, &c. upon the principle of her being a foreign bottom; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Steret, Mr. Chase, and Mr. M'Mechen, to consider and report thereon.

The report on the petition of sundry inhabitants of Talbot county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Bracco, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Chaille, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

A petition from the tradesmen, manufacturers and others, of Harford county, praying an act may pass, laying a duty on certain foreign manufactured articles; was preferred and read, and referred to Mr. Joseph Dashiell, Mr. De Butts, Mr. Bracco, Mr. B. Worthington, and Mr. Taney, to consider and report thereon.

On the second reading the bill to settle and pay the civil list, and other expences of civil go-  
vernment, the question was put, That the intendant of the revenue be allowed five hundred pounds? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the intendant's assistant be allowed the sum of two hundred and fifty pounds? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the intendant's assistant be allowed the sum of two hundred pounds? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the intendant's assistant be struck out of the said bill? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the intendant's assistant be allowed the sum of two hundred and twenty-five pounds? The yeas and nays being called by Mr. Faw appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Somerville,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Miller,	Quyan,	Norris,
	De Butts,	Turner,	Adams,	Ramsey,	Chaille,	M'Mechen,
	Lethbrury,	Stone,	Waters,	W. Bowie,	Mitchell,	Stall,
	Graves,	Ridgely of Wm.	Waggaman,	F. Bowie,	Joseph Dashiell,	Cramphain.
	Fraizer,	Gale,	Kirkman,	Chase,	Parnell,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Maxwell,	Jones,	Bracco,	R. Bowie,	Beatty,	Steret,
	N Worthington,	Ridgely,	Enwalls,	John Seney,	Cary,	Pank,
	Grahame,	Roberts,	Baker,	Jackson,	Hughlett,	Oneale,
	Taney,	Goldsborough,	Oglevee,	Faw,	Downes,	Beall.
	Gantt,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.