

finances requires œconomy, but flatter ourselves you will, upon reconsideration, think with us, that the salaries of the officers referred to in this message may be enlarged, without incurring a censure for profusion. As there are no funds particularly provided for the payment of these salaries, it would be very agreeable to us to mortgage all the unappropriated revenues of the state for the payment of them. We have sent you the bills for reconsideration, in hopes that you will consent to an enlargement. The following salaries would meet our perfect approbation: To the governor, £. 1200. To the chancellor, £. 1000. To the judges of the general court, each £. 850. Judges of the court of appeals, each £. 500. Judge of the court of admiralty, £. 500.

We submit to your consideration the propriety of passing a law to lessen the number of the court of appeals to three, when circumstances admit. If upon reconsidering the subject you do not think it proper to make any further allowance, or to make the funds more certainly productive of a sufficient sum to pay salaries, we wish you to return us the bills, that we may determine on them.

We have spent some time in considering the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, and think it requires many amendments. This is a subject of great importance and some difficulty, and as we are desirous of making the bill as perfect as possible, we wish to have a free communication of sentiment upon it with members of your house. We therefore propose a conference upon this bill. If you accede to this proposition, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, William Perry, and Daniel Bowley, Esqrs. will meet the gentlemen who may be appointed by your house. We cannot close this address, gentlemen, without reminding you that little public business has yet been done; there is a great deal to do, and the severe season is begun. We therefore earnestly request, that you will prepare and forward the supply bill and other essential business, that we may have some prospect of an end to this tedious and expensive session.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

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

F R I D A Y, January 20, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. B. Worthington. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On the second reading the bill directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication; the question was put, That the words "so far as the said acts respect the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication;" be struck out? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Bracco appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Lethrbury, Graves, Grahame, Fraizer,	Jones, Dent, Ridgely of Wm. Gale,	Oglevee, Ramsay, W. Bowie, Digges,	Quynn, Purnell, Faw, Beatty,	Bayly, Carey, Love,	J. Bond, M'Mechen, Oneale.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs	T. Bond, De Butts, Taney, Ridgely,	Stevenson, Roberts, Goldsbrough, Bracco,	John Dashiell, Baker, Miller, F. Bowie,	John Seney, Joshua Seney, Chaille, Joseph Dashiell,	Norris, Wheeler, Driver, Steret,	Stull, Cellars, Funk.
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So it was determined in the negative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading the bill for the regulation of the markets in Baltimore-town, and for other purposes therein mentioned, the question was put, That the clauses respecting the inspection and measuring plank, scantling and shingles, be struck out? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. N. Worthington appeared as follow:

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

Messrs	Graves, Grahame, Ridgely of Wm. Stevenson, Roberts,	Goldsbrough, John Dashiell, Oglevee, Miller,	W. Bowie, F. Bowie, Quynn, John Seney,	Joshua Seney, Chaille, Joseph Dashiell, Purnell,	Norris, Love, J. Bond, Driver,	M'Mechen, Steret, Cellars, Oneale.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	T. Bond, Lethrbury, N. Worthington,	Taney, Dent, Ridgely,	Bracco, Gale, Baker,	Ramsay, Digges, Sewell,	Faw, Beatty, Bayly,	Wheeler, Funk.
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So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the petition of William Green, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Resolved in the affirmative.