

and even importuned them to stay, and that not being able to persuade them to stay, he discharged them at their own request, and paid them their wages.

Baltimore,
November, 1785.

JAMES PRINGLE, first officer.

FRANCIS GUARDNER, second officer.

I do hereby assert, that the above was signed before me,
THOMAS ELLIOT.

The committee beg leave to suggest to the honourable house, that although the certificates aforesaid are not the best evidence that could have been adduced in support of the assertions therein mentioned, yet they have no doubt, that had captain O'Donnell been apprised of the propriety of producing affidavits instead of certificates, he might have obtained them. When captain O'Donnell became acquainted with this circumstance, Messrs. Pringle and Guardner, the chief officers on board the Pallas, and who must have been eye-witnesses of his treatment and conduct towards the memorialists, had sailed to Virginia, and before their affidavits could have been taken, your committee were informed by captain O'Donnell, that it was highly probable they had proceeded on their intended voyage outward bound.

From the above state your committee are of opinion, that captain O'Donnell stands acquitted of the several charges alleged against him by the memorialists, and that the same are groundless.

All which are submitted to the honourable house.

By order

JOHN GASSAWAY, clk.

Which was read.

The bill to erect a public gaol in Anne-Arundel county, was read the second time and passed.
The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

T U E S D A Y, February 14, 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, agreeably to the order of the day, the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco, the question was put, That the bill be amended by striking out the following words? "And after the said day, in the note shall be expressed the particular species or quality of tobacco, whether fine yellow, red fine or copper colour, long brown, long dull, short brown, short dull, mixed, particularizing of what quality and size, so that the purchaser on view of the note may know the quality of tobacco." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe, appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Key,	Jones,	Roberts,	Miller,	F. Bowie,	I love,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	Ramsay,	John Seney,	Wheeler,
	Grahame,	Turner,	Ennalls,	W. Bowie,	Joshua Seney,	Driver,
	Taney,	Stone,	Baker,	Digges,	Chafe,	Oneale,
	Gantt,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	R. Bowie,	Norris,	Beal.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Lethrbury,	Goldborough,	Waters,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Steret,
	Carroll,	Bracco,	Waggaman,	Joseph Dashiell,	Faw,	Funk.
	Ridgely of Wm. Gale,		Chafe,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass with the proposed amendments? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe appeared as follow:

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messieurs	Grahame,	Turner,	John Dashiell,	Digges,	John Seney,	Norris,
	Taney,	Stone,	Baker,	R. Bowie,	Joshua Seney,	Love,
	Gantt,	Ridgely of Wm.	Miller,	F. Bowie,	Chafe,	Wheeler,
	Jones,	Stevenson,	W. Bowie,	Chafe,	Faw,	Beal.
	Dent,	Roberts,				
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Lethrbury,	Goldborough,	Waters,	Quynn,	Driver,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Bracco,	Waggaman,	Joseph Dashiell,	Steret,	Oneale.
	Carroll,	Gale,	Oglevee,			

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Amendments proposed. In the 7th page, 3d line from the top, strike out "viva voce." In the 28th page, strike out from the word "before" in the 7th line, to the word "seven" in the 8th line inclusive. In the same page, strike out from the word "and" in the 9th line, to the word "tobacco" in the 14th line inclusive. In the 30th page, in the 5th line from the bottom, after the word "tobacco," insert the word "or."

Mr. Fielder Bowie, has leave of absence.

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

W E D N E S D A Y, February 15, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday, except Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Steret, and Mr. F. Bowie. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

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A letter