

bill for ascertaining what damages and interest shall be allowed on foreign and inland bills of exchange, when duly protested, (except in the case of bills drawn in this state on persons in this state,) were drawn conformably to the sentiments of the commissioners of this state and Virginia on that subject, which were confirmed this session by both houses. It was conceived, that uniformity in the laws of neighbouring states, in particular respecting bills of exchange, would be convenient and useful; and the damages as regulated by the bill, with an allowance of interest on the principal sum, over and above such damages and charges of protest, we think are more consonant to reason and justice, than the regulation adopted by the act of April session seventeen hundred and fifteen, and which must continue in force until a better can be substituted.

Strongly impressed with the opinion that these bills are founded on principles of justice and public convenience, we return them to you, under a confident expectation, that upon a reconsideration you will recede from your amendments, and that all the bills will obtain your assent; or if they should not, we request you will make known to us your objection to the system of the inspection bill, which was your own, and only improved by the conferees, and also the reasons of your dissent to the two other bills.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Stone has leave of absence till Tuesday next.

The house adjourns till Monday morning 9 o'clock.

M O N D A Y, February 20, 1786.

THE house met. Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr. Driver, Mr. W. Bowie, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Goldsborough. The proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Secret appeared in the house.

On the second reading the message from the senate of Saturday last by Samuel Hughes, Esq; the question was put, That the house recede from the amendment proposed to the bill to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable tobacco? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Carroll,	Adams,	Ramsay,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Secret.
	Bracco,	Waggaman,	Chafe,	Joseph Dashiell,	Faw,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Jones,	Roberts,	Digges,	Chaille,	Love,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	John Dashiell,	R. Bowie,	Beatty,	Funk,
	Grahame,	Turner,	Ennalls,	John Sency,	Carey,	Oneale,
	Taney,	Ridgely of Wm. Baker,	Miller,	Joshua Sency,	Norris,	Beal.
	Fraizer,	Stevenson,				

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said message, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill to prevent frivolous appeals and writs of error, and improper removals of causes from the inferior to the superior courts? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stevenson appeared as follow:

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

Messrs.	Kay,	Bracco,	Miller,	Quynn,	Purnell,	Secret,
	Carroll,	Adams,	Ramsay,	Chaille,	Faw,	Beal.
	Fraizer,	Waggaman,	Chafe,	Joseph Dashiell,		

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	B. Worthington,	Jones,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	Joshua Sency,	Love,
	N. Worthington,	Dent,	Roberts,	Digges,	Beatty,	Funk,
	Grahame,	Turner,	John Dashiell,	R. Bowie,	Carey,	Oneale.
	Taney,	Ridgely of Wm. Ennalls,	John Sency,	Norris,		

So it was determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said message, the question was put, That the house reconsider the bill ascertaining what shall be recovered on protested bills of exchange, and to repeal an act of assembly therein mentioned? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading the letter from the vice-president of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of opening a navigable communication between the bays of Chesapeake and Delaware, and for an effectual improvement of the river Susquehanna and its streams, the following message was prepared, and sent to the senate by Mr. Roberts.

By THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, FEBRUARY 20, 1786.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have considered the letter of the 25th of November last from the vice-president of the state of Pennsylvania, proposing a negotiation with this government, respecting the opening a navigable communication between Chesapeake and Delaware bays, and for an effectual improvement of the river Susquehanna and its streams, and this house are willing to appoint commissioners (by the joint ballot of both houses) to meet commissioners from the states of Pennsylvania