

A petition from Robert Amos, collector of the tax for Harford county, praying for further time to complete his collections, and to be released from the payment of ten per cent. was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

On the second reading the amendments to the bill to repeal part of the act for the better security of the government, the question was put, That the first amendment be agreed to? Resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then put, That the second amendment be agreed to? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Stone, appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.						
Messrs.	De Butts,	Owings,	Polk,	W. Bowie,	Henry,	Walker,
	Miller,	Cockey,	Steele,	Quynn,	T. Johnson,	Hardcastle,
	Wright,	Ridgely,	R. Bond,	Jenings,	Norris,	Hollingsworth,
	N. Worthington,	Stevens,	Wallace,	Paca,	J. Bond,	M'Mechen,
	Chafe,	Gale,	Matthews,	John Seney,	Wheeler,	Cromwell,
	Gantt,	Stewart,	Bravard,	Purnell,	Loockerman,	Holmes.
Turner,						37.
N E G A T I V E.						
Messrs.	Abell,	J. Johnson,	Dent,	Sherwood,	F. Bowie,	Cellars,
	Hopewell,	Harwood,	M'Pherson,	Shaw,	Mantz,	Funk.
	Perkins,	Taney,	Stone,	Pattison,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

And the bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion, ORDERED, That a committee be appointed to inquire into and report the proceedings of the commissioners in the sale of the Nottingham company's property, and the payments made and the securities taken and lodged therefor; that the said committee consist of five persons, and be appointed by ballot.

The house proceeded to ballot for the above committee, and the ballots being deposited in the ballot box, the gentlemen named to strike retired, and after some time returned and reported, upon examining the ballots it appeared, that Mr. De Butts, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Dent, Mr. Wright and Mr. Polk, had a majority of votes.

ORDERED, That the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the trial of facts in the counties where they arise.

ORDERED, That Mr. Wright, Mr. Paca, Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Jenings and Mr. Chafe, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act respecting insolvent debtors; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

ORDERED, That the said bill have a second reading on Thursday next.

Richard Ridgely, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a petition from Thomas Canfield, setting forth, that he entered into the service of the United States in the year 1781, and served as a private soldier until the end of the war; that he was employed as a labourer to the workmen on the stadt-house; that in the morning of the 12th of November last, he ascended the scaffold of the stadt-house to the roof, with a load of shingles, when his foot unfortunately slipped, and he fell to the ground, at least eighty-feet, whereby he was much bruised, and praying for support; endorsed; "By the senate, January 1, 1787: Read and referred to the consideration of the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

Which was read and referred to Mr. Quynn, Mr. Wright, Mr. Harwood and Mr. Bowie, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Paca, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill, entitled, An act for the relief of debtors, which was committed for amendment.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The house met.

Mr. Chafe, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for erecting a town at or near the mouth of Wille's creek, in Washington county; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. And a bill, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in Washington county; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion, the question was put, That the bill for the relief of debtors, as amended, be now read a second time? Resolved in the affirmative.

On the second reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following clause, "And whereas it is just and reasonable, that where a debt or debts due, which debt or debts bear interest by the contract of the parties, that such interest, in case of forbearance of execution, should be punctually paid to the creditor, Be it enacted, That all such interest should be duly paid, and in case of neglect in paying the same within sixty days after the same shall hereafter become due, or within sixty days after the end of this session of assembly where such interest is already due, that the creditor or creditors to whom the said interest now is, or hereafter may become due, shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the principal sum of money, or other thing due him, and all interest thereon, as fully and effectually as if this law had not been made, any thing herein contained