The previous question was called for and put, That the said question be now put? The year and nays being called for by Mr. Chafe, appeared as follow:

Chase, Taney, Dent,	Turner, M'Pherson, Owings,	F F I R W. Bowie, F. Bowie, Quynn,	M A T I V Paca, Purnell,	E Love, Wheeler,	Funk, Nicholls. 15.
De Butts, Perkins, Miller, J. Johnson, Wright, Harwood,	Gantt, Stone, Cockey, Ridgely, Sherwood, Stevens,	N E G A Stewart, Polk, Shaw, Pattifor, Wallace, Matthews,	T I V E. Bravard, R. Bowie, Henry, Faw, Mantz, T. Johnson,	Norris, J. Bond, Loockerman, Walker, Hardcastle,	Hollingsworth, M'Mechen, Cellars, Cromwell, Holmes.

So it was determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the seat of justice in Cæcil county be removed from Charles-town to the Head of Elk? Refolved in the affirmative. The house adjourns till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 1787.

HE house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the removal of the feat of justice from Charlestown to the Head of Elk, in Cæcil county. ORDERED, That Mr. Paca, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Wallace, be a committee to prepare and bring in the fame.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to revive and continue the proceedings of the orphans court of Dorchester county. ORDERED, That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Steele and Mr. Wright, be a

committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The report on the petition of Basil Brown, of Queen-Anne's county, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The year and nays being called for by Mr. J. Johnson, appeared as follow:

Miller, Wright, Chate, Grahame, Turner,	Owings, Gale, Stewart, Polk, Shaw,	F F I R M Steele, R. Bond, Bravard, F. Bowie,	Quynn, Paca, John Seney, P. Mitchell,	E. Purnell, Henry, Norris, Wheeler,	Loockerman, Hardcattle, M'Mechen, Nicholls.	26.
Abell, De Butts,	Perkins, J. Johnson,	N E G A Harwood, Taney,	T I V E. Dent, Cockey,	Ridgely, W. Bowie,	Faw, Funk.	12.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

Leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

A petition from John Shuttleworth, praying a restitution of his confiscated property in Washington county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Paca, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Chafe, to confider and report thereon.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of Dorchester county, setting forth, that the lands in said county were over rated by a law passed at November session, 1785, and praying that the said rate might be lowered; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Sherwood and Mr. Mantz, to confider and report thereon.

Mr. Cockey brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act granting Robert Lemmon the exclusive right of making and vending carding and spinning machines; which was read

the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from fundry inhabitants of Worcester county, setting forth, that the lands in said county were over rated by a law passed at November session, 1785, and praying that said rate might be lowered; was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Gantt, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Gale, to con-

fider and report thereon.

Peregrine Tilghman, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker a memorial of John Harrison, of Frederick county, setting forth, that he was a purchaser of certain confiscated property, for which he passed two bonds, one for specie, the other for red money, on both which bonds he had made some payments; that executions have issued against himself and his securities, and that to indemnify them he has affigned over to them all his property; and praying that his fecurities may be permitted to fell his property so assigned on credit, and that bonds may be taken therefor, payable to the state in the year 1790, and his bonds aforesaid given up; and a representation from Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esquire, agent, setting forth, that the late intendant had promised the purchasers of confiscated property, sold by him in Cæcil county in 1785, that a person would be appointed to receive the interest from them in that county, on their bonds originated from mistake; that he conceived the faith of the state was pledged by the consolidating act, that six weeks notice should be given till the year 1790 annually; and that this confideration he believes was an inducement with some of the settlers and tenants to purchase, as thereby sufficient time would be gained to thresh out their wheat and get it to market; that he remembers informing many of them, that while he should be continued intendant, if they fent their interest money in November annually to the