

willing to adopt any measures which have any chance of success. We think that the duties upon imports ought to be increased to be equal to five per cent. so modified, that great part of it may fall on luxuries. This will bring into the treasury thirty-three thousand pounds specie, if the imports should be seven hundred thousand pounds; if the importation should be less, the influx of specie will be greater; other duties may also be imposed. It is also our opinion, that a moderate direct tax may be raised in specie; for we never can be persuaded, that if a proper example is set, and due information given, the people of this state, out of an income of eight hundred thousand pounds, either will be unable, or unwilling, to contribute a small proportion to support a government amongst the freest in the world, and which, with a peculiar propriety, may be called the government of the people. A small proportion of this income, added to other resources, will be sufficient for the purposes of preserving our federal faith, and supporting our own government. The foregoing reasons are particularly pointed at your bill; some of them indeed apply against paper money in general, as a circulating medium; but as the sinking our quota of the federal domestic debt, is an object of great importance, if any funds can be provided to give value to a state paper, to be exchanged for the liquidated paper of congress, at a reasonable rate, the exchange to be voluntary with the holder of the continental paper, and the state paper to be made receivable for the funds pledged, but not to affect the public engagements, private dealings, or the other revenue of the state, we would agree to adopt such a measure.

It would, perhaps, be deemed improper that we should particularise the means of procuring and appropriating public revenue; we have therefore only suggested such general hints as have occurred to us, and submit them to your consideration; and shall be ready to give our assistance in digesting any plan which you may think right, and which, in our opinion, will contribute to the advantage of the state.

By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

The house adjourns till 5 o'clock.

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

The house met.

The message of this morning by Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Esquire, was read.

ORDERED, That abstracts of the substance of the bill for an emission of bills of credit on loan, published in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Journal, and that nine hundred copies of the said abstracts be printed in hand-bills, and fifty copies sent to each county for the information of our constituents.

The order of the day, for the second reading of the report from the committee of manufactures, is postponed till to-morrow morning.

A remonstrance of sundry the freeholders, and others the freemen, inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, against the eligibility of Uriah Forrest, Esquire, for the want of residence, was preferred and read; and thereupon, ORDERED, That the house will take into consideration the remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of Saint Mary's county, respecting the ineligibility of Uriah Forrest, Esquire, for want of residence, on Friday next, and that the parties have notice thereof.

The following message being prepared, was read and agreed to.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 5, 1787.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

WE have determined, when we adjourn, to adjourn to Tuesday the 20th day of March next, and hope the material and necessary business now under consideration, may be finished in a few days; and we request your honours to dispatch the bills now before your house.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

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

S A T U R D A Y, January 6, 1787.

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

The report on the petition of the inhabitants of the precincts of Baltimore-town, was read the second time and concurred with.

Mr. B. Worthington appeared in the house.

The message of yesterday afternoon was sent to the senate by Mr. R. Bowie.

On the second reading the report of the committee of manufactures, agreeably to the order of the day, the question was put, That the article of "felt hats" be struck out of the said report? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. F. Bowie, appeared as follow:

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

Messrs J. Johnson,
Taney,
Grahame,
Gantt,

Owings,
Cockey,
Ridgely,

Stevens,
Shaw,
W. Bowie,

F. Bowie,
R. Bowie,
Digges,

Quynn,
Jennings,
Mitchell,

Love,
Cromwell,
Holmes.

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N E G A T I V E.

Messrs Abell,
De Butts,
Perkins,
Miller,
N. Worthington, Polk,

Chase,
B. Worthington,
Stone,
Gale,

Pattison,
Steele,
R. Bond,
Wallace,
Bravard,

Paca,
John Seney,
Purnell,
Henry,
Paw,

Mantz,
T. Johnson,
J. Bond,
Wheeler,
Loockerman,

Walker,
Harcastle,
McMechen,
Funk.

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So it was determined in the negative.

Thomas