

A petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Salisbury, praying that a law may pass, authorizing commissioners to lay out the said town anew, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Jones, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, ORDERED, That the bill to alter and repeal part of the act, entitled, A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned, have a second reading on Saturday next.

The report on the petition of John Cartwright, was read the second time, and the resolution therein contained assented to.

A petition from Edward Harris, of Queen-Anne's county, counter to the petition of Spencer Beadle, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of insolvent debtors.

On the second reading the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, agreeably to the order of the day, the question was put, That the blank in the fifth clause of the said bill be filled up with twenty dollars? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, That the said blank be filled up with ten dollars? Resolved in the affirmative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the word "wilful" be inserted before the word "offending" in the fifth clause of said bill? Determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "upon oath" be inserted after the word "returns" in the seventh clause in said bill? Determined in the negative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the blank in the seventh clause be filled up with forty dollars? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "under the direction of the brigadier general of the brigade" be inserted after the word "reside" in the seventh clause in said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the words "and who shall accept the same" be inserted after the word "council" in the tenth clause of the said bill? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the blank in the tenth clause be filled up with eight dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with two dollars? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That the said blank be filled up with six dollars? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Oneale, appeared as follow:

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

Messieurs	Plater,	J. Thomas,	King,	Duvall,	Beatty,	Van Lear,	
	J. Wilmer,	Digges,	Waggaman,	Barnes,	Bayly,	Hughes,	
	Lloyd,	Cox,	Gordon,	Whittington,	Douglafs,	Crabb,	
	Tilghman,	Kerr,	T. Wootton,	Dennis,	Driver,	Johnson,	
	Harwood,	Jones,	Sprigg,	Houfston,	Swearingen,	Bayard.	34
	J. Worthington,	Denwood,	Quynn,	Purnell,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Brooke,	Howard,	Ewing,	Prall,	Oneale,	
	Ford,	Freeland,	Frazier,	Contee,	Montgomery,	R. Wootton,	
	Kilgour,	M'Pherson,	Daffin,	O'Bryon,	Loockerman,	Threlkeld,	
	Brogden,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Hollingsworth,	Seney,	M'Mechen,	Tomlinson,	
	Ridout,	Ridgely,	R. Bond,	Jamifon,	Clark,	Simkins.	34
	Mackall,	T. Worthington,	Ward,	J. Bond,			

The house being equally divided, the question was declared in the affirmative by the honourable the speaker.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That all inspectors of tobacco, actually engaged in the delivery or inspection of tobacco, be exempted from militia duty? Determined in the negative.

On motion, the question was put, That all flatmen, employed in the reception, carriage, and delivery of tobacco, be exempted from militia duty? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Contee, appeared as follow:

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Mess.	Kilgour,	Denwood,	Contee,	Sprigg,	Driver,	Threlkeld.	2.
	T. Worthington,	T. Wootton,					

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Mackall,	Kerr,	Quynn,	Bayly,	Hughes,	
	Ford,	Brooke,	Jones,	Duvall,	Jamifon,	Clark,	
	Plater,	Freeland,	King,	O'Bryon,	J. Bond,	Crabb,	
	J. Wilmer,	M'Pherson,	Frazier,	Barnes,	Prall,	Oneale,	
	Lloyd,	J. Thomas,	Daffin,	Seney,	Montgomery,	R. Wootton,	
	Tilghman,	Digges,	Gordon,	Whittington,	Douglafs,	Johnson,	
	Harwood,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Hollingsworth,	Dennis,	Loockerman,	Bayard,	
	J. Worthington,	Ridgely,	R. Bond,	Houfston,	M'Mechen,	Tomlinson,	
	Brogden,	Howard,	Ward,	Purnell,	Swearingen,	Simkins.	59
	Ridout,	Cox,	Ewing,	Beatty,	Van Lear,		

So it was determined in the negative.