

seventeen hundred and ninety-two, will expire on the first January next. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

A. B. DUCKETT, clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house the following report :

To the honourable the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the STATE of MARYLAND.

In compliance with the duties of his office, the Auditor begs leave to lay before your honours the following accounts, viz.

No. 1, Is the western shore treasurer's account current, from the first of November, 1792, to the first of November, 1793, with the balances remaining in the treasury, and the appropriations of the specie.

No. 2, Is an estimate of the state debt, which he has endeavoured to make as nearly accurate as the nature of the case will at this time admit ; that there appears to be a balance of five hundred and three thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven dollars fifty-three cents in stock of the United States, and also the sum of sixty-eight thousand three hundred and eighty-seven pounds two shillings and seven-pence halfpenny, to the credit of the state, exclusive of the stock in the bank of England. He has the honour to be, with gratitude and respect, your obedient and humble servant,

Auditor's office, Annapolis,

Nov. 28, 1793.

ROB. DENNY, Auditor for the state of Maryland.

Which was read.

The house resumed the consideration of the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of the state, agreeably to the order of the day, and, on motion, the question was put, That all ministers of the gospel, regularly ordained or licensed by any religious society, shall be and are hereby exempted from militia duty? 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	W. Thomas,	M'Pherson,	Hayward,	R. Bond,	Houston,	M'Mechen,
	Kilgour,	Digges,	Goldborough,	Ward,	Purnell,	Swearingen,
	Tilghman,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Jones,	Spigg,	Beatty,	Clark,
	Harwood,	Ridgely,	King,	Duvall,	Bayly,	Crabb,
	Brogden,	T. Worthington,	Daffin,	O'Bryon,	Jamison,	R. Wootton,
	Ridout,	Howard,	Waggaman,	Barnes,	Prall,	Bayard,
Brooke,	Cox,	Gordon,	Sency,	Loockerman,	Tomlinson. 47.	
Freeland,	Kerr,	Hollingsworth,	Whittington,	Driver,		
			N E G A T I V E.			
Messieurs	J. Wilmer,	Denwood,	T. Wootton,	Douglafs,	Hughes,	Johnfon,
	J. Worthington,	Frazier,	Dennis,	Van Lear,	Oneale,	Simkins. 13.
	Mackall,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put on the following, viz. "Provided, that every and each person so excepted shall pay the sum of two dollars, to be applied as hereafter directed by this act." The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Barnes, appeared as follow :

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

Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Mackall,	Frazier,	Ewing,	J. Bond,	Hughes,
	J. Wilmer,	Brooke,	Daffin,	T. Wootton,	Douglafs,	Johnfon,
	Tilghman,	Goldborough,	Waggaman,	Spigg,	Loockerman,	Bayard,
	Harwood,	Denwood,	Gordon,	Whittington,	Driver,	Tomlinson,
	J. Worthington,	King,	Hollingsworth,	Dennis,	Van Lear,	Simkins. 31.

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	Ford,	Digges,	Kerr,	Duvall,	Beatty,	M'Mechen,
	Kilgour,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Hayward,	O'Bryon,	Bayly,	Swearingen,
	Lloyd,	Ridgely,	Jones,	Barnes,	Jamison,	Crabb,
	Ridout,	F. Worthington,	R. Bond,	Sency,	Prall,	Oneale,
	Freeland,	Howard,	Ward,	Houlton,	Montgomery,	R. Wootton. 34.
M'Pherson,	Cox,	Quynn,	Purnell,			

So it was determined in the negative.

On progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the following be received as an amendment to the twelfth clause in the said bill? "And if the said colours, fifes or bugle-horns, shall not be provided on or before the first day of August next in the manner herein directed, every officer who shall have neglected to contribute his proportion, shall forfeit and pay one third of a month's pay to which such officers respectively are entitled when called into actual service? Resolved in the affirmative.

On further progression in reading the said bill, the question was put, That the first part of the thirteenth clause to the word "thereof" inclusive be expunged? Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion, the question was put, That the following be substituted in stead thereof? "And be it enacted, That the whole of the militia, so enrolled as aforesaid, shall, after the first day of June next, be exercised under their respective officers as followeth; that is to say, in companies on some day in August and November, and in battalion on some day in October, after the tenth day thereof; and after the year 1794, the said militia shall be exercised as aforesaid, in companies on some day in the months of April and November, in battalion on some day in August, and in regiment on some day in October, after the tenth day thereof; that the captains of companies shall appoint the days and places of meeting in companies, the majors shall appoint the days and places of meeting in battalion, and