

The second reading of the bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, is postponed until to-morrow.

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

T U E S D A Y, December 24, 1793.

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

The representation from the trustees for building a new church in the city of Annapolis, was referred to the committee appointed on the representation of Thomas Hyde.

The report on the petition of Mary Dance, was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? Determined in the negative.

The further supplement to the act concerning the territory of Columbia and the city of Washington, was read the second time, and passed.

The report on the petition of James Kidd, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto. ORDERED, That Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Prall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a supplement to an act, entitled, An act to streighten and amend the public roads in Harford county, and for other purposes, passed November session, 1791. ORDERED, That Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Jarrett and Mr. Prall, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill to explain the act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed November session, 1792? 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	J. Worthington,	Goldsbrough,	R. Bond,	Duvall,	Douglafs,	McMechen,	
	Ridout,	Denwood,	Ewing,	Barnes,	Loockerman,	Johnson,	
	Hawkins,	Daffin,	Bowie,	Whittington,	Driver,	Simkins.	22.
	Cox,	Gordon,	Quynn,	Houston,			
		N E G A T I V E.					
Messieurs	W. Thomas,	J. Thomas,	King,	Beatty,	Van Lear,	R. Wootton,	
	Kilgour,	Ridgely,	Ward,	Jamison,	Crabb,	Bayard,	
	Tilghman,	T. Worthington,	O'Bryon,	Montgomery,	Oneale,	Tomlinson.	22.
	Freeland,	Howard,	Seney,	Swearingen,			

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

ORDERED, That Mr. Gordon, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Dennis, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

The bill for the relief of sundry insolvent debtors, was read the second time, agreeably to the order of the day, and the question put, That the said bill do pass? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Ridgely, appeared as follow:

		A F F I R M A T I V E.					
Messieurs	W. Thomas,	Ridgely, of Wm.	Frazier,	Quynn,	Jarrett,	Oneale,	
	Kilgour,	Ridgely,	Daffin,	Barnes,	Prall,	R. Wootton,	
	Tilghman,	Howard,	Gordon,	Seney,	Beatty,	Johnson,	
	J. Worthington,	Cox,	R. Bond,	Whittington,	Swearingen,	Bayard,	
	Ridout,	Kerr,	Ewing,	Houston,	Van Lear,	Tomlinson,	
	Freeland,	Goldsbrough,	Bowie,	Purnell,	Hughes,	Simkins,	
	Hawkins,	Denwood,	T. Wootton,	Jamison,	Crabb,	Driver.	45.
Digges,	King,	Sprigg,					
		N E G A T I V E.					
		Mr. Douglafs.					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The clerk of the senate delivers the bill to regulate and discipline the militia of this state, as amended; which was ordered to be engrossed.

The resolution in favour of Stephen Yoe, endorsed; "By the senate, December 12, 1793: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

"By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the second time and dissented to.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

And the resolution appointing commissioners for building a gaol in Anne-Arundel county, endorsed; "By the senate, December 23, 1793: Read the first and second time by especial order and assented to.

"By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk."

On the second reading the bill to repeal the fifty-sixth section of the constitution, agreeably to the order of the day, the question was put, That the preamble in the said bill, which follows in these words, be struck out? "Whereas the security of property, the internal happiness and external respectability of a country, essentially depend upon the administration of its laws: And whereas it is found by experience, that the mode for the administration of justice pointed out by the fifty-sixth section of the constitution, is inadequate to do justice with that convenience to the people which ought to form the most prominent feature in all systems of jurisprudence; and as the repeal of the said fifty-sixth section would leave the legislature at perfect liberty to form such systems as a change of circumstances in our situation, and the conveniency of the people, may require: And whereas it is generally