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remitted, on payment of the said sum and costs; provided the said sum of one hundred and three pounds ten shillings, with costs of suit, be paid on or before the first day of May next.

RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay unto *J. A.* William Francis Lewis, or order, the sum of sixty dollars, as a compensation for his services.

WHEREAS Christopher Cox, late of Queen-Anne's county, deceased, purchased heretofore part of a tract of land called Partnership, of Walter Dulany, and Mary his wife, and the said estate hath since become the right and property of John Cox, son to the said Christopher, who, upon an ejectment tried at the eastern shore general court in September term, 1794, by the verdict of the jury, lost one hundred and eleven acres and one quarter of an acre, which lay within the bounds of a tract of land called Lillington Castle, claimed by Edward Wright, the defendant in said suit: And whereas it appears that the said Walter Dulany, and Mary his wife, by their deed for the conveying the said land to the said Christopher Cox, did covenant and bind themselves, and their heirs, to warrant the same to him, his heirs and assigns, and the estate of the heir of the said Walter Dulany having been confiscated, and appropriated to the use of the state of Maryland, RESOLVED, That the treasurer of the western shore pay to John Cox, of Queen-Anne's county, the sum of three hundred and sixteen pounds twelve shillings and five-pence half-penny, in certificates, to be by him issued for that purpose, bearing interest from the date of issuing the same, and receivable for taxes, and in discharge of debts due this state, in full satisfaction and discharge of all claim which the said John Cox hath, or can have, against the state of Maryland, under and in virtue of the said covenant and warranty.

Land

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby requested to cause to issue a patent to John M'Dowell and James Evans, executors of the last will and testament of Alexander Johnson Edminston, and their heirs and assigns, for a tract of land called Edminston's Heights, lying in Cæcil county, to enable them to carry into effect the provisions contained in the will of the said Alexander Johnson Edminston.

Land

RESOLVED, That Nicholas Tice, George Burkhart and Benjamin Musgrove, securities to the state of Maryland for Adam Fisher, late of Frederick county, deceased, be released from the interest due on the balance for which they are securities, provided the payment of the principal is made on or before the first day of October next.

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Debts*

RESOLVED, That the chancellor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, upon the application of John Hamilton, of Prince-George's county, to cause patent to issue for the tract of land called Hamilton's Purchase Enlarged, lying in Prince-George's county, agreeably to the duplicate certificate of resurvey of the said land, made and executed the eleventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-three, by John F. A. Priggs, the then deputy surveyor of Prince-George's county, and that the register of the land-office be authorized to record the said duplicate certificate of resurvey, and patent issuing thereon, which shall be taken and deemed in law as having effect and operation to grant said land from the 24th day of February, 1774.

Land

RESOLVED, That the agent of this state be required to suspend all further proceedings on the bond of Benjamin Cawood, and his securities, to the state of Maryland, for arrearages of taxes, and that indulgence be granted to the said securities, and Benjamin Cawood, until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, for payment of the instalments thereon due, provided the interest now due on said debt be paid by the said Cawood, and his securities, on or before the first day of September next.

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RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY, That the thanks of this legislature be given to the officers and privates of the militia of this state, who, on the late call of the president, rallied round the standard of the laws, and in the prompt and severe services which they encountered, bore the most illustrious testimony to the value of the constitution, and the blessings of internal peace and order; and that the governor be requested to communicate the above vote of thanks in such manner as he may judge most acceptable to the patriotic citizens who are its objects.

RESOLVED, That Thomas Walley, the adopted child of this state, if the governor for the time being shall think it proper, be permitted to withdraw from the college, and that he be allowed the sum of one hundred pounds current money per year, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, to be paid by the treasurer of the western shore to the order and by the direction of the governor for the time being.

WHEREAS by the third section of the declaration of rights it is declared, among other things, that the inhabitants of Maryland are entitled to the benefit of such of the English statutes as existed at the time of their first emigration, and which by experience have been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and of such others as have been since made in England or Great-Britain, and have been introduced, used and practised, by the courts of law or equity: And whereas it is not generally known by the people of this state which of the English statutes, existing at the time of the first emigration of their ancestors, have, by experience, been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, nor is it generally known to the citizens of this state what statutes, made since such emigration, have been introduced, used and practised, by the courts of law or equity in this state: And whereas in a free government all legislative acts, which respect the lives, liberties and estates of the people, ought to be published, and a knowledge of them diffused generally through the state; RESOLVED, That the chancellor, the judges of the general court, and the attorney-general, be and they are hereby appointed and requested to take into their consideration the subject above recited, and make report to the general assembly of such of the English statutes as existed at the time of the first emigration of the people of Maryland, and which, before the fourth day of July, 1776, by experience, had been found applicable to their local and other circumstances, and of such others as had, since such emigration, been made in England or Great-Britain, and had been introduced,

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