

40 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, NOVEMBER, 1782.

Charles Carroll, Barrister, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following resolve :

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 4, 1782.

RESOLVED, That major-general Smallwood lay before the general assembly, as soon as may be, all papers and accounts of receipts and expenditures of money relative to the recruiting service.

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

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

T H U R S D A Y, December 5, 1782.

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

The resolve respecting major-general Smallwood was read the first and second time and assented to. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stone and Mr. Courts.

Mr. Kent, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Hall, William Smith, and Philip Henderson, creditors of Dr. Henry Stevenson, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, That they are of opinion, that every person having any account, debt, claim, or demand, against any British subject, or person convicted and attainted for treason, ought to lay the same before the auditor-general, to be liquidated and adjusted, and the balance, if any, shall be signed by him, and after having been passed by the governor and council, may, on or before the ——— day of ——— next, be lodged by such claimant with the treasurer of the western shore; and your committee are of opinion, that the commissioners for the preservation and sale of confiscated British and forfeited property, ought to be directed, after the aforesaid ——— day of ——— next, to make sale of so much of the property of any British subject, or person convicted and attainted of treason, at ——— years credit, as will discharge the claims lodged as aforesaid against such British subject, or person convicted and attainted as aforesaid; that bonds with good and sufficient security be taken by said commissioners, in sums best suited to discharge the claims lodged as aforesaid, which bonds shall be lodged with the aforesaid treasurer, who may assign to such claimant any bond or bonds taken for the sale of the particular estate of which he is creditor; and your committee are of opinion, that where the just debts against any particular estate amount to more than the sales thereof, that the creditors ought to receive in proportion to the nature and amount of each particular claim; that where there shall be a surplus of any such sales over and above what is sufficient to discharge its just debts, that it remain in the treasury subject to the disposal of the general assembly. And further your committee are of opinion, that where there has been confiscation and appropriation of the property of any British subject, or person convicted and attainted of treason, and not a sufficiency of such property unappropriated or unsold to discharge the just debts against such person, that each claimant ought to receive a certificate for his claim, or in proportion to his claim, as aforesaid. All which is submitted to the consideration of the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

The memorial of John Lane, of Anne-Arundel county, was read.

The bill to appropriate certain buildings in the city of Annapolis for the residence of the governor, and to direct repairs to the said buildings and the stadthouse, was read the second time and will not pass.

The bill to prevent the raising of geese and swine in Elizabeth-town in Washington county, Leonard-town in Saint Mary's county, and Charles-town in Charles county, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Stone and Mr. Courts.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the said bill, endorsed; "By the senate, December 5, 1782: Read the first and second time by especial order and will pass."

By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

The bill to prevent the subjects of an enemy from coming into this state, was read the second time and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Holland and Mr. Stevens.

The bill to ascertain the property of the citizens of this state carried off or destroyed by the enemy during the present war; and the bill for removing original papers in the late prerogative office to the several orphans courts in this state; were severally read the second time and committed for amendment.

A memorial from sundry inhabitants of the state of Maryland, setting forth, that by an act to empower Thomas Contee to settle and collect the debts due to William Mollenon, &c. passed last session, a preference is given to Mr. Contee, empowering him to detain the effects of Wil-

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