

in the same manner and on the same terms as bonds are taken on the sale of confiscated property under the act, entitled, An act to establish funds to secure the payment of the state debt within six years, and for the punctual payment of the annual interest thereon; and that the said Thomas Boyer and his securities be credited to the amount of the sales of the said lands. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. PURDY, clk.

Which was read.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of John O'Donnel, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report, that they have examined the allegations therein contained, and find the same to be true; that the said John O'Donnel did import a considerable cargo of Asiatic produce in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, at which time, by the laws of this state, he could export the same and draw back any duties on said articles; that under the faith and sanction of said law, he stored the same in Baltimore-town; that he went to Charleston in pursuit of his business, and in his absence a law took effect, which deprived him of the benefit of the drawback, in consequence whereof he was obliged to pay the sum of three hundred and fifty pounds current money to the naval officer of Baltimore-town.

Your committee are of opinion, that justice requires that the said money should be refunded to the said O'Donnel, as he imported the said merchandise into the state under the protection and sanction of the said law.

Your committee are further of opinion, that some regulation ought to take place in putting the drawback upon a footing more beneficial to the commerce of this state.

All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

T. D. MERRICK, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to appoint an agent or commissioner for this state for the purposes therein mentioned. ORDERED, That Mr. T. Johnson, Mr. Chase, Mr. Paca and Mr. Turner, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

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

T U E S D A Y, January 9, 1787.

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

The report on the petition of William Rafin, of Kent county, was read the second time, concurred with, and leave given to bring in a bill pursuant thereto.

The committee of claims having represented to the house, that several sheriffs had produced to the committee accounts for the allowance by the act passed October session, 1780, for the conveyance of public letters and packets, without receipts for the delivery of such letters and packets, as required by the said act; and that other sheriffs had produced accounts for the conveyance of public letters and packets since the expiration of the said act at October session, 1785, and prayed the direction of the house; ORDERED, That the committee of claims make such allowance in both cases, on proof of the service being performed, as the same, in their opinion, shall be reasonably worth, and regarding the expedition and the conduct of the several sheriffs in the conveyance of such public letters and packets.

Daniel Carroll, Esquire, from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the relief of debtors, endorsed; "By the senate, January 2, 1787: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk.

"By the senate, January 6, 1787: Read the second time and will not pass.

"By order,

J. DORSEY, clk."

ORDERED, That abstracts of the substance of the bill for the relief of debtors, be published in the Maryland Gazette and Baltimore Journal, and that nine hundred copies of the said abstracts be printed in hand-bills, and fifty copies sent to each county for the information of our constituents.

The honourable John Henry and Nathaniel Ramsey, Esquires, agreeably to the resolve of yesterday, attended, and after giving the house such information respecting public affairs as they were requested, retired.

ORDERED That the above gentlemen be requested to attend this house on to-morrow morning at ten o'clock for the purpose aforesaid.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Canfield, beg leave to report, that they have inquired into the facts stated in said petition, and find them true. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that he be allowed the same as other disabled and maimed soldiers. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

W. PINKNEY, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That there be allowed to the clerk of the council at the rate of seventy-five pounds current money for his salary for the present year? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Wright, appeared as follow: