

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 13, 1793.

GENTLEMEN,

THE senate have rejected the resolution in favour of Joseph Dawson, because they have not sufficient evidence to satisfy them, that James Dawson was not entitled to the lot of land which was drawn against his name, and which, by the resolution, was to be given to Joseph. But as Joseph appears to have been entitled to a lot of land, which he cannot now obtain, the surplus lots, after supplying the army, having been sold, the senate will therefore consent to give him a compensation in money equal to the average value of the lots drawn by the soldiers, which they estimate at three shillings and nine-pence per acre, if the house of delegates should think proper to send them a resolution for that purpose.

By order,

W. PERRY, jun. clk.

Which was read.

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

S A T U R D A Y, December 14, 1793.

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

A petition from Thomas Mitchell, of Prince-George's county, praying an act of insolvency, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee on petitions of a similar nature.

Mr. Whittington, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act for the surveying and laying out anew Salisbury-town, in Somerset county, and for other purposes; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from John Hayman Nicholls, of the commonwealth of Virginia, praying he may be permitted to bring his slaves into this state, which he removed from this state, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Duvall, Mr. Oneale and Mr. Waggaman, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Brooke and Mr. Ford have leave of absence. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. O'Donnell are excused for absenting themselves without leave.

The further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to straighten and amend the several public roads in the several counties, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was read the second time, and passed.

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

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Williams, of Kent county, a free negro, praying to be released from a fine imposed on him by the county court, and to be discharged from his confinement in consequence of the said fine, have taken the same into consideration, and are of opinion a law ought to pass pursuant to the prayer of said petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. W. KING, clk.

Which was read.

A petition from Otho Holland Williams, of Baltimore-town, praying to be reimbursed for surplus money paid for lots purchased of the commissioners of confiscated property, with interest thereon from the time of payment, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Oneale, Mr. Duvall and Mr. Seney, to consider and report thereon.

The bill to appoint a health officer for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, was read the second time, and passed with the proposed amendments.

The amendments proposed. To follow after the first enacting clause. "Be it enacted, That the master, or other person having charge of any vessel bound to the port of Baltimore, having on board altogether, when the said vessel departed the port, above thirty passengers on board, disordered with any contagious disease, or coming from any sickly port or place, without a clean bill of health, shall bring his vessel, or suffer or permit the same to be brought, nearer to the port of Baltimore than Hawkins's Point, or shall land, or bring on shore, or cause or suffer to be landed or brought on shore, any of such infected persons, or any part or parcel of their goods or effects, or any other goods, until he has obtained a licence or permit so to do from the physician, or his assistant aforesaid, such master, or other person having charge of such vessel, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of one thousand dollars.

"Be it enacted, That if any master, or other person having a charge of any vessel, at the time of inquiry by the aforesaid physician or his assistant, shall have on board any person infected as aforesaid, and shall knowingly conceal the same, or shall not make a just and true discovery to the physician, or his deputy, of the sickly and disordered state and condition of all and every person on board, from the time the said vessel departed from the port or place from whence she last sailed, to the time of the said inquiry, and of all other particulars necessary for the said physician, or his deputy, to know, respecting the premises, such master, or other persons having charge of such vessel, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of three hundred dollars.

"Be it enacted, That if any pilot shall conduct any vessel above Hawkins's Point, having on board above thirty persons, being passengers or servants, (and it is hereby declared to be the duty of each pilot to make due inquiry thereof,) such pilot shall forfeit and pay one hundred dollars; and if any pilot shall have knowledge that there is on board any vessel that he undertakes to pilot, any person distempered with the plague, or any malignant contagious disease, (and it is hereby declared to be his duty to make due inquiry thereof,) and shall pilot such vessel above Hawkins's Point, he shall forfeit one hundred dollars, and such pilot shall be disqualified to act as a pilot for one year; and if any