

solve of congress, and that Mr. Thomas Harwood, jun. be appointed commissioner, to superintend such loan-office in this state.

That if any inhabitant of this state shall, after the first day of December next, within or without this state, or any person whatsoever shall, within this state, after the said first day of December next, forge or counterfeit any of the certificates, bills, or notes of the continental loan-office, or alter the sum expressed in any of the said certificates, bills, or notes, or shall offer or cause to be offered in payment, any such counterfeit, forged, or altered certificate, bill, or note, knowing the same to be counterfeit, forged, or altered, and shall be thereof convicted by a petit jury, after a presentment by a grand jury, in the general court, or shall stand mute, or peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty of the pannel, he shall suffer death as a felon, without benefit of clergy.

*Ordered*, That copies of the above resolutions be transmitted by the clerk to the commissioners of the continental treasury.

A petition from a number of the inhabitants of Baltimore county, praying to be relieved from the exorbitant and extraordinary charges of the magistrates, clerk, and sheriff of said county, was read, and referred till the first meeting of the general assembly.

On reading a letter from the chairman of the committee of observation for Baltimore county, setting forth, that a great number of the people called methodist, pretending to be preachers, claimed an exemption from mustering under the exception made in favor of clergymen, and a certificate from the yearly conference, that a certain Nathan Perigo, who had been fined by the said committee for not enrolling in some company of militia, was a preacher of that denomination, *Resolved*, That the fine set upon the said Nathan Perigo by the committee of Baltimore county, aforesaid, be remitted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all petitions, applications and reports, to convention this present session, and all petitions, applications and reports, in all former sessions, whereon no final order hath been or shall be made, be referred to the general assembly.

Whereas the detaining in custody debtors who are willing to deliver up their estates to the use of their creditors, can be of no benefit to individuals, and may be prejudicial to the community, *Resolved*, Therefore, that the justices of the several counties in this state, are hereby authorised and empowered to release all debtors in their several jails who may owe upwards of two hundred pounds sterling money, in the same manner and upon the same terms as debtors may be released under the act of assembly; provided application be made by the several debtors, or such of them as may be