

The resolutions in favour of Thomas Berry and William Reed, and Daniel Lamb, severally endorsed; "By the senate, December 4, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 11, 1799: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of William Goodwin, and others, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1799: Read the second time and assented to.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of George Twilly, endorsed; "By the senate, November 29, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1799: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

The resolution in favour of Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott, endorsed; "By the senate, December 6, 1799: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk.

"By the senate, December 9, 1799: Read the second time and dissented from.

"By order, A. VAN-HORN, clk."

And the following message:

BY THE SENATE, DECEMBER 9, 1799.

GENTLEMEN,

WE have dissented to your resolution in favour of George Twilly, because the positive direction which it contains to the register of the land-office to issue a patent upon the payment of the caution money on the vacant land mentioned in that resolution may possibly interfere with the rights of other persons. If your house will originate a resolution embracing no other object than the releasing the said George Twilly from paying the sum at which the improvements upon that vacant land have been valued, or sufficiently protecting the rights of all other persons, it will meet with the concurrence of this house.

We have also dissented to your resolution in favour of Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott, because the judgments recited therein do not agree with the copies thereof transmitted by the clerk of the general court of the eastern shore; a resolution correcting this inaccuracy will be agreed to by the senate.

By order,

A. VAN-HORN, clk.

Which was read.

RESOLVED, That Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott, two securities of Daniel Powell Cox, formerly sheriff of Talbot county, be and they are hereby allowed to make payment of the principal sum due to this state, and recovered against them by judgments respectively obtained in the general court of the eastern shore at September term, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, with six per cent. interest thereon from the time stated in the said judgments, on or before the first day of May next, and that execution thereof be accordingly stayed; and that on the payment of the said principal sum, with interest of six per cent. as aforesaid, and the several costs of suit, on the said first day of May, the said Tristram Martin and Abner Parrott be released from the payment of the fifteen per cent. imposed for the non-payment thereof by the time limited by law.

A petition from Absalom Ridgely and Joseph Evans, counter to the petition of Moses Maccubbin, was preferred, read, and referred to the committee appointed on the petition to which it is counter.

A petition from Elizabeth Tyers, of Anne-Arundel county, praying the levy court of said county may levy a sum of money annually during her life for her support, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Harwood, Mr. Hall and Mr. Brogden, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Richard Owings, and others, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to confirm and establish a road which has been heretofore used from his mills to the city of Baltimore, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Brown, to consider and report thereon.

A petition from Thomas Owings, and others, of Baltimore county, praying an act may pass to establish a private road leading from his plantation by his grist and fulling mill, which road has been used for upwards of twenty-five years, and has been stopped by Thomas Gift, surveyor of Baltimore county, was preferred, read, and referred to Mr. Brown, Mr. Carroll, Mr. Key, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Taney, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Perry, from the committee, brings in and delivers to the speaker the following report:

THE committee to whom was referred the petition of the trustees of Allegany county school, report, that in their opinion the prosperity and happiness of every community depends much upon the proper education of youth, and particularly under a government like ours, the structure of which gives force to public opinion; it therefore becomes more necessary that public opinion should be enlightened, for a republican government cannot stand but by virtue and knowledge; it is therefore a matter of the first importance that seminaries of learning for the general diffusion of knowledge should be established in every part of the state, that by this means the people may become more capable of making a proper choice of characters to fill the important offices under our government; the committee are further of opinion, that the facts stated in the said petition are true, and that the legislature ought to grant to the said trustees of Allegany county school