

time aforesaid, and arrange them in proper bundles, in alphabetical order, and to have all the said records well bound with good strong linen, and well secured in cases, and also for the binding of the said records where necessary; and that the governor and council pay the said clerk, and defray all expenses which may accrue in the work, by draughts on the treasury, to be paid out of any monies unappropriated.

## No. 7.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered to contract with the register of the land-office for the transcribing such of the records and alphabets of the said office as are defaced, and for the binding of the record books where necessary, and that the record books be covered with good strong linen if necessary; that the governor and council contract with the register of wills for Anne-Arundel county to transcribe such of the records and alphabets of the prerogative office as are defaced, to continue and complete the general alphabet, to complete the records of the said office, and for binding the record books where necessary, that the record books be covered with good strong linen, and that the records and papers be secured in cases; that the governor and council contract with the register in chancery for completing the records of said office, that the record books be covered with good strong linen if necessary; and that they defray the expense of the aforesaid contract, by draughts on the treasury, out of any unappropriated money.

Records and Alphabets in land-office to be transcribed

## No. 8.

**RESOLVED**, That the auditor-general be and he is hereby empowered to adjust and settle, subject to the direction of the governor and council, all open and unsettled accounts between the state and individuals, and in making the said settlements the auditor and the governor and council may proceed upon equitable principles, and receive such vouchers as may be satisfactory to them, although not strictly legal; that all accounts examined and passed by the auditor shall be signed by him, and the said accounts shall be carried to the governor and council, or to the council in the absence of the governor, for their approbation, who, if they approve, may order the treasurer of the western shore to issue a certificate for the amount of the balance, who shall issue accordingly, and the persons in whose favour the said orders shall be drawn, shall respectively give a receipt upon the accounts, which shall be carried without delay to the auditor, that the same may be entered in his books; and that in case the said auditor refuse to act, die, resign, or remove out of the state, in the recess of the house of delegates, the governor and council may appoint a proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the next meeting of the house of delegates.

Accounts between the state and individuals to be adjusted, &c

## No. 9.

**RESOLVED**, That the governor and council be and they are hereby empowered to employ an agent to superintend the collection of all balances due to the state upon open account, and allow him such compensation for his services as they may think proper, not exceeding five per cent. on the amount of all money paid into the treasury under his agency.

Agent to be employed to superintend collections of balances, &c